

BABY QUILTS

Antique baby quilts are rare because it was common for one baby quilt to be made for the first-born child, and used for all future children. Because of this, these baby quilts were often worn down, making it rare for a baby quilt to be preserved intact

Sunbonnet Sue, one of the most widely recognized quilt block patterns, began to appear in baby quilts in 1910. Sunbonnet Sue depicts a playful girl with a big bonnet covering her face, appearing everywhere from children's clothing to quilts. Other significant highlights in the development of baby quilts include patterns with a juvenile theme. Until this time, baby quilts resembled normal adult quilts in every facet, such as color, fabric, and patterns, except they were much smaller. Marie Webster, a famous quilter who sparked a revolution in quilt design, changed this in 1912 when she created patterns specifically for young children and babies.

Baby quilts have only gained in popularity since the 1900's. Baby quilts make an ideal gift for a grandmother to give to her new grandchild, not only keeping the baby warm, but also passing down a precious heirloom.