

CQG #200 - *Counting Quilt/Activity Quilt*
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This is a child's activity quilt common in the 80s. Mom/grand-moms and aunts would make these from *Simplicity, Butterick, or McCalls* sewing patterns as play quilts for toddlers. Later Playskool ®, mass produced these "fold and go play quilts". Some quilts had zippers, laces, buttons, etc. to teach children the skills needed to dress themselves. This particular quilt is a wall hanging where the children count and replace the pieces: 1 car, 2 sheep, 3 baby birds, 4 ducks, 5 clothes, 6 bees, 7 peas, 8 flowers, 9 apples. Many guild members have made activity quilts like this one or other styles like the one Jan Gordon-Hooker's (#038) first quit - a simple block and sash quilt, "*Streets and Avenues*", so her toddler son had a soft mat to sit/kneel on while he drove his toy cars around the town. Plus, he could easily put it away or take it with him - "fold and go".

Health authorities now recommend that quilts **not** be used to cover babies/young children. This concern is that the child might tangle in the quilt. Also the child might become overheated. Play/activity quilts now adorn walls or are used as play-mats, and less interactive styles are used for tummy time.

Pattern	Possibly <i>Simplicity, Butterick or McCalls</i> ® Craft Pattern
Date	1976 - 1999
Size	L 37½" x 37½"
Overall style	Finished wall-hanging Appliqué, Novelty Sash & block
Blocks	L 10" x W 10" Traditional Appliqué + 3-D Appliqué, Embellishments Number of blocks: 9 Setting: Sash & block
Sashing	W 2¼", straight, one-fabric, black/white polka dot
Border	W 2¼", straight, one-fabric, black/white polka dot Hangers (4) - W 2¼" x L 6"
Top Fabric	Broadcloth, felt Feature colour: green
Top piecing	Machine Machine appliqué
Appliqué	Machine appliqué Motifs: trees, realistic, novelty, numbers Stitch: satin stitch
Novelty technique	3-D Appliqué - fence, nest, cloths line, pockets, bee hive, pea pod, vase, tree,

Embellishments	Attachments: velcro pieces, zipper 1 car, 2 sheep, 3 baby birds, 4 ducks, 5 clothes, 6 bees, 7 peas, 8 flowers, 9 apples
Backing	Broadcloth, Black/white polka dot, one piece
Quilting	Stitch-in-the-ditch Machine
Condition	Well used (played with) Some attachments missing.