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Subject of Square: Early Hampton Beach Cottage

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Background on subject:



The first tourist cottages were built during the 1930's. The beginning of World War Two brought the rationing of gasoline so shorter trips were commonplace. To meet the demand motels and cabin colonies were built. These small tourist cabins could accommodate a family of four, provided they spent most of their time outside!

Why you chose this subject:

I chose to sew the cottage because as a very young child, long before we moved to Hampton permanently, my parents would take our family for a weeklong stay in a beach cottage here in the summer. It brings back lots of wonderful memories.

Thoughts on your representation/design/color choices/etc.:

I tried to duplicate the look of the actual cottage on the grounds of the Hampton Historical Society. To do so I used fabrics in the colors of that actual cottage.

What you hope this quilt will mean for the people who see it:

Given the very small size of the cottage, I hope it will generate interest by viewers in how accommodations were almost 100 years ago. I think they will be amazed at the idea of 4 people staying in this tiny house!