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Subject of Square: Hunting Kayak

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Background on the Subject: Hunting kayaks have been in use by the indigenous peoples of the Arctic Region for over 4000 years. They were originally made of animal skins that were tightly stretched over frames made of driftwood or bone. The design and maneuverability of these vessels made it easy for our early settlers to hunt game or waterfowl.



Why you chose this subject: When I saw the hunting kayak on display at the Tuck Museum, I was captivated by the shape and intricacy of the construction.

Thoughts on your representation/design/color choices/etc.: I chose the grey silk for the marsh water because I liked the way the slub changed in the light, much as water does.

What you hope this quilt will mean for the people who see it: I hope this quilt helps to enlighten people about the early days of Hampton and some of the challenges faced by the settlers. This quilt block depicts a duck hunter in the early morning hours, hoping to supplement his boring diet of lobster and fish.