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Subject of Square: Shaving Horse

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Background on subject: This object is in the Leavitt Barn on the museum grounds. It is used to shave pieces of wood while sitting down. Like a vice, you would place the wood under the hammer and secure it. You then sit down comfortably with your work. The Shakers used this device.



Why you chose this subject: I found that when showing people around the barn, this piece always interests them. I did not know how it works so I researched it.

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

put a man on the shaving horse to show perspective. Wood shavings are under his feet. He is comfortable yet at work.

What you hope this quilt will mean for the people who see it: The tools made in the past were functional in design, supporting ease in production. People today are still using these tools. Some even make a shaving horse of their own to produce shingles and chair spools while sitting down.