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**Subject of Square:** Spinning Wheel

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**Background on subject:** A spinning wheel is a device for spinning thread or yarn from fiber. It was fundamental to the cotton textile industry prior to the Industrial Revolution. It laid the foundations for later machinery such as the spinning jenny and spinning frame, which displaced the spinning wheel during the Industrial Revolution. Spinning yarn involves taking a clump of fiber and twisting it into a string. The spinner pulls and twists the yarn to make it longer and to control the thickness.



**Why you chose this subject:** I chose this subject because I've always been fascinated with the idea of spinning yarn. My grandmother had a spinning wheel in her attic, and I always wished I could try it!

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

I wanted to capture the simplicity of the spinning wheel because it was such an innovation in its time, and yet it's a relatively simple device.

**What you hope this quilt will mean for the people who see it:** I hope that the quilt and this square in particular will spark an interest in those who see it so that they'll want to come to Tuck Museum to see all that it offers about the history of our town.