

Paper Quilt Art Project



The goal of this project is to get residents working together for a common purpose, and to get them talking to each other about things they care about. This will involve residents working with paper to create artwork that is personal to them and representative of the community.

You will need:

1. Construction Paper in a variety of colors
2. Scissors
3. Glue or glue sticks
4. Pens or markers

Instructions:

1. Gather participants around a table or tables to encourage conversation.
2. Instruct them to create a 4"x4" square "quilt" piece out of paper.
3. This can be connected to some cultural symbol or aspect they want others to understand and know about, or it can be something that reminds them of a cherished memory or family member. I.e. a tulip cut from colorful paper to represent a time they visited Tulip fields on vacation.
4. Assist with cutting or gluing as needed.
5. After participants are finished. Prepare a surface to which they can adhere their quilt pieces. As they arrange their pieces, ask residents to share the story behind the piece they created if they haven't already.
6. Display finished quilt in a public space on the residence.

Physical Distancing Adaptations:

1. Disperse instructions and information to participants via email or leave printed papers at doorways.
2. Give residents a time frame to complete their piece and write a small explanation of their piece. A video conference could be held for residents to work on their pieces together if technology is available.
3. Have residents leave the completed piece outside their doors at a specified time and date.
4. Assemble the quilt and display in a prominent area on the property so residents can read and view the piece. Display the explanations with the piece if possible.