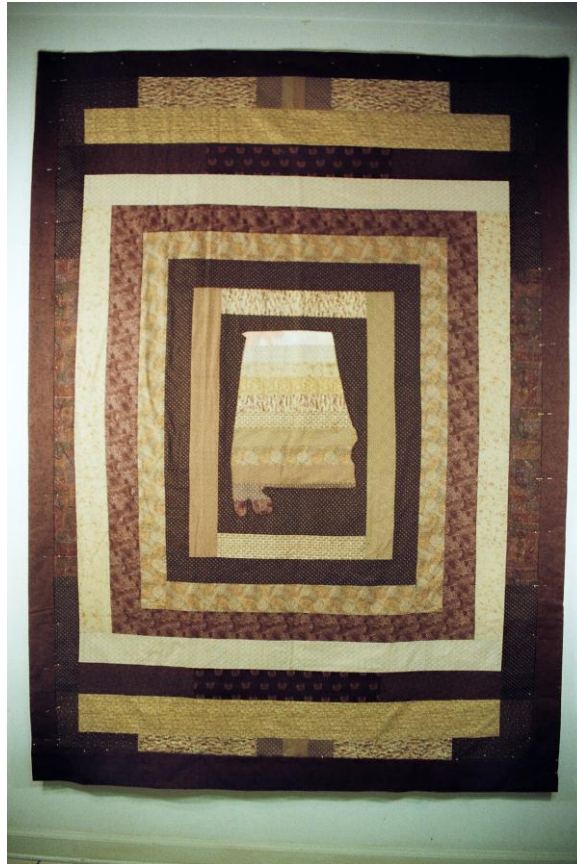


“Alabama Soil” Quilt



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Alabama has an official soil! A photograph of the soil sample was the inspiration for making this “Alabama Soil” quilt.

The center block of the quilt is an appliqué made from strips of fabrics sewn to a foundation piece of fabric that is subsequently cut into the shape of the State of Alabama. Pieces of the same fabrics that form the appliquéd state shape are used to frame the center block and complete the quilt top.

This “Alabama Soil” quilt is made by Sylvia G. Stephens, quilting apprentice to her mother, Mozell Benson, a 2001 National Heritage Fellow, National Endowment for the Arts. Sylvia studied traditional quilt-making with her mother as an apprentice quilter under the Alabama State Council on the Arts, Alabama Folk Arts Apprenticeship Program, 2007-2009.

Quilt Data: “Alabama Soil” Quilt - Made in 2008 in Opelika, Alabama

Fabric Colors: Assorted hues of “earth toned” fabrics to represent the color of the official Alabama soil

Center: A machine stitched, strip-pieced appliqué of the Great State of Alabama

Quilt Size: 58 inches (W) x 81 inches (L)

Quilting Technique: Machine-stitched and tacked by hand

Fabric Content: Top fabrics are cotton and cotton blends. Batting and backing is 100% cotton

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