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In the United States, nearly 1,800 Amish communities live simple lives, free of technology and separate from modern society. However, many city folk still come to the Amish towns, and would pay a pretty penny, in hopes of purchasing a beautiful hand-made quilt. The history of the Amish is reflected in their quilts, focusing on simplicity and frugality with familiar patterns many recognize. Thanks to the Amish, we can celebrate their hard work in Eric's beautiful painting of the Amish Quilts.

1. The word "quilt" comes from the Latin word "culcita," which means "mattress."
2. Some popular quilting patterns are feathers, swirls, diamonds, vines, wreaths, flowers and grids.
3. Quilts are made of three layers: fabric on the top and bottom with soft batting in between.
4. The Grace Company has helped in creating better sewing resources for a long time.
5. In America, quilting became popular by the Dutch, English and Irish settlers.
6. Most Amish quilts are done with patchwork, meaning that pieces of fabric are cut into shapes and formed or "patched" into distinct patterns.
7. Amish quilts became so popular that quilts were being stolen, even right off of their clotheslines.
8. Eric's classic chicken in the mailbox.
9. During the 1970s, Amish quilts became must-have items for the city folk due to the popularity of geometric designs.
10. Quilting for the Amish didn't become popular until the 1870's, yet quilting has been around for centuries.
11. Amish quilts are all handmade, but they can be made with sewing machines that are either generator, gas, or foot powered.
12. Early Amish quilts were usually made of only one color — sometimes with just a single layer of fabric placed over the top — but became even more detailed and elaborate as the years went on.
13. Quilting has always been an important social activity for Amish women. It's an entertaining time as the women talk about life and teach the young girls sewing techniques.
14. If you look at each quilt, a story takes place. Beliefs, emotions, and events all appear on the women's quilts as a way for them to express themselves.