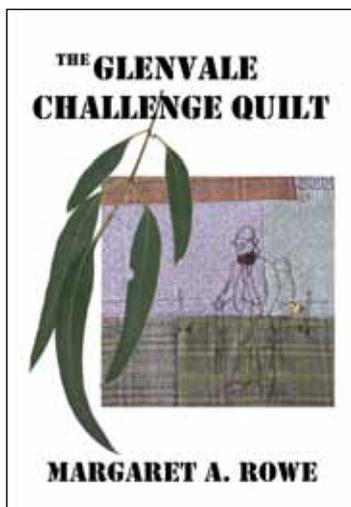


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Jane adjusted the microphone to suit her height and smiled as she scanned the room over the top of her glasses. She could see the anticipation on everyone's faces. It was one of her favourite tasks, to present the ladies with their quilt challenge and drink in all the excitement as the room buzzed with chatter and ideas spilled forth. Before she could begin, one of the ladies in the middle of the room called out, "Don't try to tease us, Jane, I think we've all worked out we're making Waggas this year." Everyone laughed and Jane feigned disappointment.

"Yes, ladies," Jane confirmed, "You are being challenged to make quilts in the spirit of the Domestic Wagga. But ..." The room hushed as she paused. "We will not be referring to them as Waggas. After much discussion amongst the committee members, we have decided that Wagga Rugs, Traditional Waggas and Domestic Waggas are all terms that refer to a very special and unique time in Australian quilt-making, and out of respect for the past we will call these modern versions 'Glenvale Quilts.'" Nods of approval bobbed amongst the ladies in the hall.

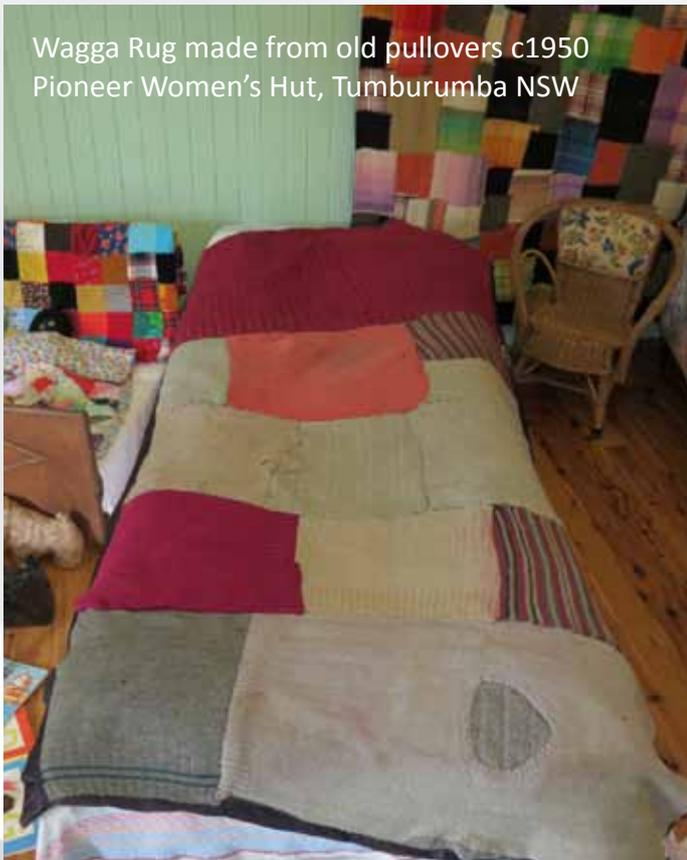
- The quilt must be made in the same *spirit* as the traditional Australian Wagga.
- Everything you use must be repurposed or recycled - nothing new. This can be anything from upholstery fabric, suiting samples, mattress ticking, old pyjamas, blankets, worn out sheets and other linen items, or odd bits of fabric in your stash i.e. scraps - no yardage
- only squares and / or rectangles
- Quilts must be pieced only, no appliqué
- Embellishments, such as buttons, appliqué, lace, charms or the like are not permitted
- It must have three layers - you may use an old blanket as backing or instead of wadding. Maybe you have some old sheets that could be used as backing. Modern wadding is fine too, so long as the top and back have the feel of a Wagga
- It can be either hand or machine sewn
- Only simple quilting is permitted - machine or hand

[For more information on the Australia Wagga please read *The Glenvale Challenge Quilt*, where you will gain insight into the 'spirit' of the quilt style.]

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The Glenvale Challenge Quilt Rules

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Wagga Rug made from old pullovers c1950
Pioneer Women's Hut, Tumbarumba NSW

The Pioneer Women's Hut Tumbarumba, New South Wales

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The Pioneer Women's Hut is one of the best and most unusual small museums in the country. Cleverly themed, it reflects the ingenuity of women in finding solutions to the challenges of looking after a family in early rural Australia.

The museum is run by volunteers and is highly worthy of the support of anyone travelling in the area to stop in for a visit. There is much to see.



Wagga Rug made of suit samples c1930s
Pioneer Women's Hut, Tumbarumba NSW

The National Quilt Register was a major initiative of the Pioneer Women's Hut. Over a five year period, volunteers gathered information from around the country, documenting photographs and stories of Australian quilts from the early 19th century to 1965. Read more about the history of the quilt register on their website:

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