

## The Rag Coat

The rag coat is typical of a crazy quilt style. Small patches of leftover clothing or fabric were stitched together to make a larger piece. Usually the seams (where each patch touched the next) were stitched over by hand with decorative stitches like this:



The Crazy Quilt was very fashionable in the Victorian Era, from 1835 – 1901, during the reign of Queen Victoria of England. The wealthy ladies of leisure would use scraps of their ballgowns – silks, satins, taffetas and brocades – and make elegant quilts, table coverings and all manner of embellished household items like pincushions, ornaments and boxes.



