



*Tipis Around a Lake*, 1968–1988. Made by Emma King, (Yanktonnai Nakota, 1920–1994). From Fort Yates, Standing Rock Reservation, North Dakota

Shared activities strengthen Oceti Sakowin communities and families in many ways. The act of quilt making brings together grandmothers, mothers, sisters, aunts, and friends. Senior centers, churches, schools, and community halls provide forums in which friendships are built and quilting knowledge is shared. In the same way, these shared activities ensure that cultural traditions such as language, stories, and food ways are maintained.