

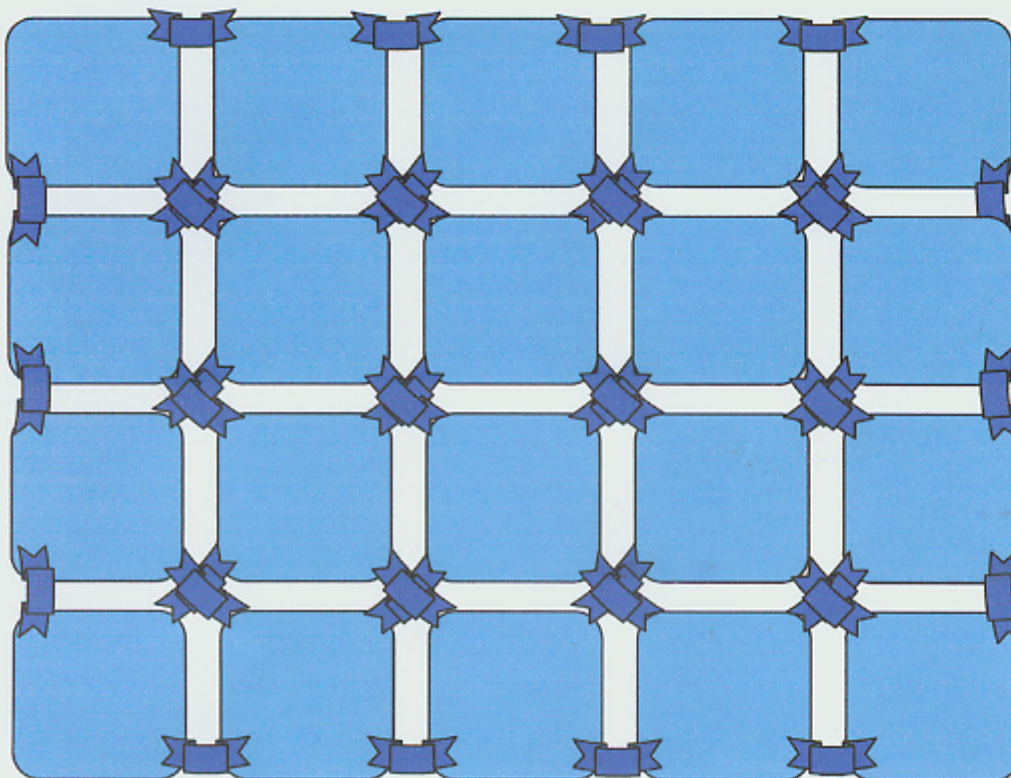
Class Amidah Quilt

This project may take several weeks. In fact, the longer it takes the better the lesson. It will reinforce the structure of the weekday *Amidah* in a way that will really stick with your students.

Each square should represent one of the 19 blessings in the *Amidah*. The students should find these blessings by looking for the *hatimot* of each in the *sid-dur*. Use a discovery lesson to have them find the *brachot*. They will learn so much more when they find all 19 themselves. Eventually, one of the students will ask why the Amidah is also called "the *Shemoneh Esrai*" when there are

actually 19 and not 18 blessings. This will be another perfect teaching opportunity that came from their discovery/curiosity and not from your "frontal assault" teaching.

4	3	2	1	עמידה שמונה עשרה * 18"
9	8	7	6	5
14	13	12	11	10
19	18	17	16	15



Lakeshore Learning Supply sells a wonderful classroom quilt kit for teachers who are not adept at traditional quilting techniques. The squares are ready-made and simply tie together for finished assembly. The quilt can remain a unified display for years or you can separate and provide each student with their square to take home at the end of the year.