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## Love Blanket

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Myself  
Logan, Utah  
November 30, 2018

**Title:** Love Blanket

**Genre:** Material Culture- Textiles

**Informant:**

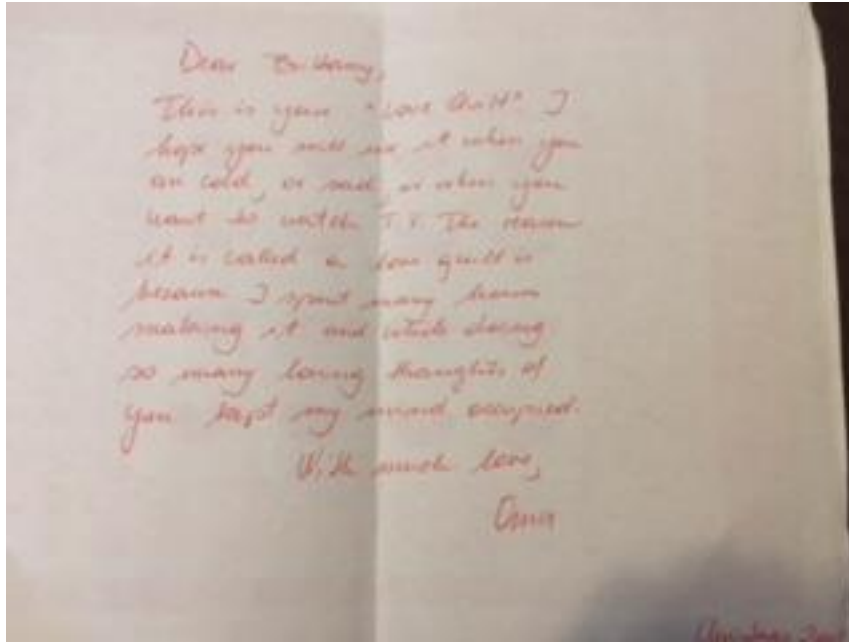
My name is Brittany Fitzgerald. I am a 19-year-old undergraduate in my third semester at Utah State University and intend to double major in English and Anthropology. I was born and raised in Davis County, Utah, and spent a year living in Livermore, California when I was 8. I was raised Mormon, in a large extended family, nearly all of whom are also active members. I am pretty close with cousins on both sides of my family, and am one of the oldest cousins. My favorite hobbies are handicrafts, writing, and drawing.

**Context:**

This blanket was given to me when I was too small to remember by my Oma (paternal grandmother) accompanied by the note below. She crocheted it herself.

**Text:**





[Handwritten note reading:

Dear Brittany,

This is your "Love Quilt." I hope you will use it when you are cold or sad, or when you want to watch TV. The reason it is called a love quilt is because I spent many hours making it and while doing so many loving thoughts of you kept my mind occupied.

With much love,

Oma]

**Texture:**

This afghan (it is an afghan, not a quilt) is made of granny squares. My Oma intended to make them for each grandchild, but as the matriarch of a family of 6 kids, as those kids grew up they started having kids in quick enough succession that it was impossible to keep up. I'm the third oldest, and I don't think any cousins (of two dozen) more than 7 months younger than me have one. It is a stellar example of my Oma's frugality, as it is made out of cheap yarn that is VERY SCRATCHY. When I was older, I used it as the example when I was learning to crochet and made my first afghan.

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