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World's Biggest Quilt?

A Warwick woman is working on what she hopes will be the biggest quilt in the world.

Mrs. Rita Damese of 92 Shand Ave. is one-third finished. By Feb. 15 she hopes to have completed a 48,000-piece quilt which she will enter in the Brockton, Mass., fair in July and the Eastern States Exposition in September.

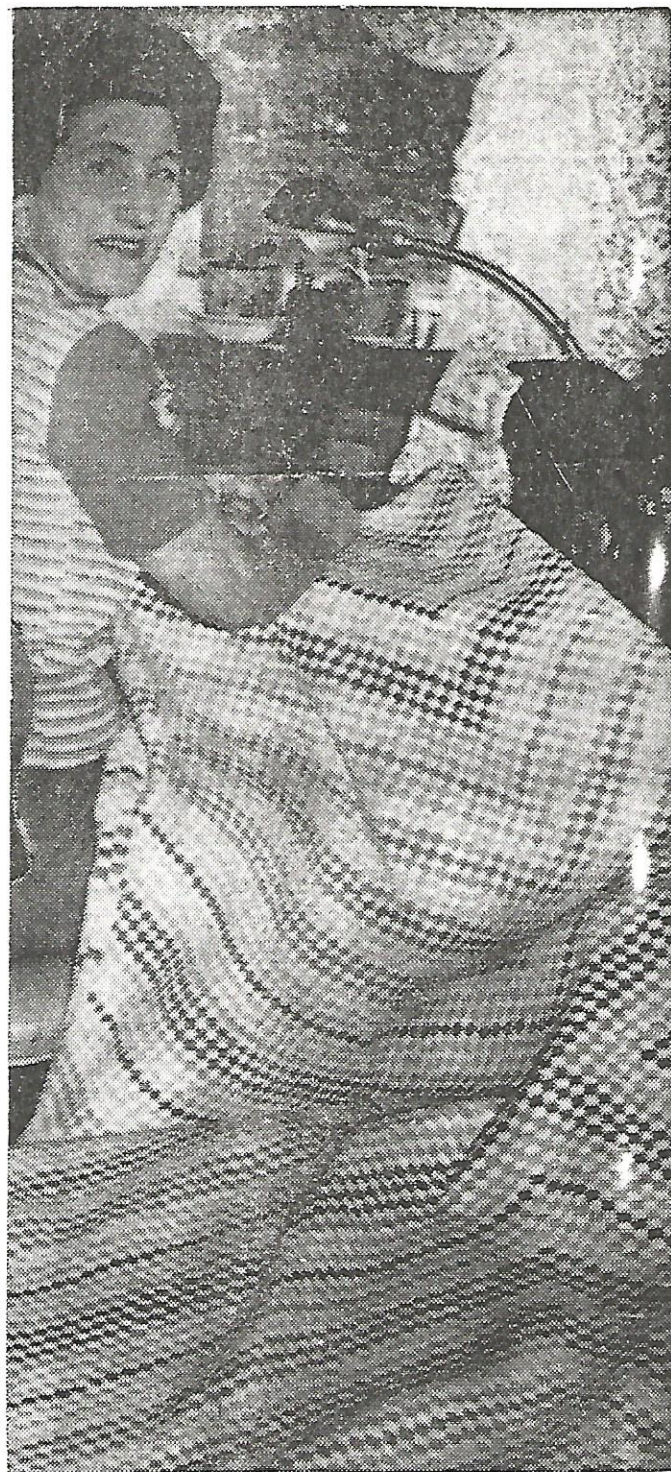
The official record is 28,000 pieces. Mrs. Damese said, however, a woman in Poplar Bluff, Mo., claims to have made one with 38,000 pieces.

Initially, the work is done on an electric sewing machine. "Then you put a backing on it, lay it on a frame and quilt it by hand," she says.

A quilter for six years, she spends about eight hours a day on it.

"I want to bring the championship to Rhode Island," she said. "No one has gotten a blue ribbon in 94 years."

For any Pawtuxet Valley women with a lot of time and patience, "I'd love to have some local competition," she adds.



IF A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE, how about the 48,000 patches Mrs. Rita Damese of Warwick is putting into this quilt? She hopes to win the world's championship with it.

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