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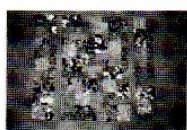
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**About the Cover**

This is a picture of a quilt made out of Japanese
 cotton fabric with traditional patterns. The fabric
 used to be made into kimonos for daily use. Several
 years ago my friend and I started quilting the pieces.
 In this issue, the image of weaving women's voices
 of diverse lives in Japan is expressed in the tapestry.
 As the pages proceed, you will find the pieces of the
 quilt which were photographed as we quilted. My
 dream is to complete our tapestry of peace through
 our daily commitment. I hope and pray that our work
 as peacemakers may develop as our quilt has, with
 each woman contributing a piece of her life work in
 the struggle to mend the creation into a tapestry
 where all lives are joined in solidarity. - Hisako
 Kinukawa

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