



Making Our Mattress

Date

1970-1980

Primary Maker

Henry Sugimoto

Medium

oil, canvas

Description

Framed and stretched. Wood frame is painted gold, wood showing through in streaks. Image of families stuffing their mattresses with hay. In the foreground, before a large pile of hay on the left, a man in denim overalls, blue shirt, red handkerchief in back pocket, straw hat, with his back to the viewer, and a woman in green and blue dress, white apron, and straw hat stuff a mattress with the help of a boy in blue shorts and black and grey striped shirt.

Behind them, to the right, a woman dressed in a blue and white dress, with white scarf and a boy in brown shorts and black and white striped shirt stuff a mattress. Behind the haystack a man in blue jeans, light blue shirt walks away with a stuffed mattress over his right shoulder, as a woman in blue and white dress with a yellow scarf approaches the hay from the right carrying a mattress and holding the hand of a young girl in a yellow and white dress.

Further back, walking out of the image on the left, a man in blue

jeans, light blue shirt, and straw hat, woman in light blue and white dress carry a mattress between them. In the background stand two barracks in front of a barbed wire fence and trees.

Dimensions

H: 32 in, W: 23 in, Frame: 33 x 24 in