**Introduction**

Video technologies provide an easy way for people to stay connected remotely.

We observed a local Bloomington quilting group’s meetings **transitioned** to online meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We investigated how an older adult group **transitioned** their hands-on meetings to online meetings.

How do older adult crafters’ interactions **change** when transitioning their hands-on, in-person activities to an online group?

What **challenges** do older adults have in **transitioning** to meeting online?

Research Methods

We ethnographically observed 7 participants over 18 meetings from mid-April 2020 to mid-August 2020. Meetings were 36-95 minutes long (average 67 minutes).

We interviewed participants after 18 meetings to collect **personal** and **common experiences** among the quilting group.

Meetings and Interviews were conducted over Zoom, a platform that has grown huge over the past year.

Two researchers **thematicall analyzed** transcripts using open and inductive coding with consultation by a third researcher.

**Key Findings**

**Interaction Changes**

Interactions Between People

- Go on! [Zoom attendees encourage Participant 5, the only participant calling in]

Overall less interactions

- Participants reported attending less frequently after the pandemic because of the transition to Zoom.

**Transition Challenges**

Getting Connected

- There are some people who don’t even have the technology! [Participant 1]

- What does copy and paste mean? [Participant 4]

Becoming Experts

- We all got our Zoom skills honed because of this meeting! [Participant 1]

Zooming vs. Quilting

- Participants stopped quilting because they needed to “focus on Zoom.” [Participant 4]

**Reasons for Persistence**

Community

- The group offered experience. [Participant 1]

- It’s good to hear your voices. [Participant 2]

- I sure worry about them. [Participant 4]

- Zoom is better than nothing! [Participant 6]

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