

2020 QuiltFest Categories

100 Theme

Must relate to the festival theme, "A Kaleidoscope of Color". Quilt will be judged as in all other judged categories. Any size, construction technique, and quilting method is acceptable. This quilt may be made by more than one person.

200 First Entry Quilt

Must be the first quilted project entered into a judged festival. Any size, construction, and quilting method is acceptable. The quilt top must be completely entirely by entrant; however, quilting may be done by another person.

300-500 Machine-Pieced & Quilted

Must be constructed (pieced and quilted) at least 95% by machine using patterns and inspiration from existing quilt history and/or expanding on patterns to create altered designs. This quilt may not be made by more than two people including quilter.

300 – Large must measure at least 91" but not more than 120" on any side

400 – Medium must measure at least 55" but not more than 90" on any side

500 – Small must not measure more than 54" on any side

600-700 Hand-Quilted

Must be entirely hand-quilted. Any size is acceptable. May not be made by more than two people including the quilter.

600 – Hand-pieced and hand-quilted

700 – Machine-pieced and hand-quilted

800–1000 Applique

Must be 70% or more appliqued (either hand-stitched or otherwise applied to the surface of another fabric). May be either hand or machine quilted. May not be made by more than two people including the quilter.

800 – Hand Applique (created entirely by hand)

900 – Hand-Guided Machine Applique (created using hand-guided machine)

1000 – Computer-Guided Machine Applique (created and produced by a design program)

1100-1200 Embroidered

Must display at least 70% or more embroidery work. Some piecing and applique is acceptable. Any size, construction, and quilting method is acceptable. May not be made by more than two people including the quilter.

1100 – Hand embroidered

1200 – Machine embroidered

1300 Miniature

Must be no more than 24" on any side. Any construction, design, and quilting method is acceptable. All aspects of the quilt must be in proportion to full-size quilts. This quilt may not be made by more than two people including quilter.

1400 Art Quilts

Must be an original design made with artistic intent that utilizes color, design, and construction techniques that create a work that expands beyond the traditional quilt format. Quilts will be judged based on creative design and artistic expression. Workmanship is important, but design will carry more weight. These creations may include embellishments (buttons, beads, embroidery, hot-fixed crystals, yarn, trim, ribbon, yo-yo's, and all types of thread work). Any size, construction, and quilting method is acceptable. May not be made by more than two people including the quilter. This category includes fiber art, wearable art, crazy quilt, and home décor.

1500 Mixed Technique

Must have design elements that do not fit into other defined categories. May include embroidery, cathedral windows, redwork, wholecloth, home décor, holiday-themed, and other design elements. Any size, construction, and quilting method is acceptable. May not be made by more than two people including the quilter.

1600 Kits and Block-of-the-Month

Must be made from a kit (defined as a purchased pattern with pre-selected fabrics) that was purchased from a shop, catalog, or magazine. This includes pre-printed whole cloth quilts. Any size, construction, and quilting method is acceptable.

1700 Modern

Modern quilts take a novel approach to traditional quilting, including any of the following asymmetry, simplicity and minimalism, reinterpretation of traditional blocks, alternative block structures, increased negative space, and improvisational piecing. Any size, construction, and quilting method is acceptable.

1800 Group Quilts (including Block Exchanges)

This category is for groups of quilters who have worked together to create a quilt of any size, construction, and quilting method. A "group" is defined as three (3) or more persons, including the quilter. Kits and Block-of-the-Month constructions are not allowed in this category.

1900 Quilts Made by Children

Must be made by a child under the age of 16 years. This is a non-judged category with participation ribbons only. Any size, construction, and quilting method is acceptable.

2000 Quilts Made by Seniors

Must be made by an entrant 65 years or older. Any size, construction, or quilting is acceptable. Any technique is acceptable. May not be made by more than 2 people including the quilter.

2100 Exhibit Quilts

Non-judged category. Any size, construction, and quilting method is acceptable. Construction year does not apply.