

# 2026 Quilt Show Category Definitions

**FIRST TIME Entry Quilt, 1 or 2-Person:** No size restrictions. For the quilter who is for the FIRST TIME EVER putting a quilt in any quilt show. Made by one person. Or made by one person and quilted by another person.

**KIT Quilt, 1 or 2-Person:** No size restrictions. Any quilt where the fabrics have been preselected by a shop or a designer. Block of the Month quilts fall into this category. Made by one person. Or made by one person and quilted by another person.

**ART Quilt, 1 or 2-Person:** Quilts measuring no more than 61" on its longest side. Any quilt that is made and intended to be used as a picture on a wall. It is an original exploration of a concept or idea by the maker. It experiments with textile manipulation, color, texture and/or a diversity of mixed media. Made by one person. Or made by one person and quilted by another person.

**Quilted CLOTHING or HOME Accessory, 1 or 2-Person:** Jackets, vests, bags, table runners. Entry must be a quilted item. Made by one person. Or made by one person and quilted by another person.

**SMALL Quilt, 1 or 2-Person:** Quilts measuring no more than 120" around. Techniques would be pieced, appliquéd, or a mix of the two. Made by one person. Or made by one person and quilted by another person.

**MEDIUM Mixed Technique and Appliquéd Quilt, 1-Person:** Quilts measuring 121" – 280" around. Techniques may be appliquéd or a mix of appliquéd and pieced. The quilt must have at least 20% of appliquéd. The piecing can be any method(hand, machine, foundation, english paper piecing, etc). Mixed does NOT mean a mix of piecing techniques only.

**MEDIUM Mixed Technique and Appliquéd Quilt, 2-Person:** Same as above but quilted by another person.

**LARGE Mixed Technique and Appliquéd Quilt, 1-Person:** Quilts measuring 281" or greater around. Techniques may be appliquéd or a mix of appliquéd and pieced. The quilt must have at least 20% of appliquéd. The piecing can be any method(hand, machine, foundation, english paper piecing, etc). Mixed does NOT mean a mix of piecing techniques only.

**LARGE Mixed Technique and Appliquéd Quilt, 2-Person:** Same as above but quilted by another person.

**MEDIUM Pieced Quilt, 1-Person:** Quilts 121" – 280" around. A predominantly pieced quilt made by one person.

**MEDIUM Pieced Quilt, 2-Person:** Same as above but quilted by another person.

**LARGE Pieced Quilt, 1-Person:** Quilts 281" or greater around. A predominantly pieced quilt made by one person.

**LARGE Pieced Quilt, 2-Person:** Same as above but quilted by another person.

**MODERN Design Quilt, 1 or 2-Person:** Quilts measuring 97" or greater around. A quilt featuring the design aesthetic of modern quilting. Quilts may feature high contrasting colors, minimalism, improvisational piecing, expansive negative space and non-traditional layouts. Made by one person. Or made by one person and quilted by another.

**Group Quilt:** Made by three(3) or more people. No size restriction. This includes block exchanges, round robins. Quilt may be pieced, appliquéd or a combination of both techniques.

**Innovative Designed Quilt, 1 or 2 person:** Quilts measuring 200" or greater. A quilt designed by the maker. It could be traditional blocks set in a unique manner. Nothing made using a complete published pattern. Elements from machine embroidery designs may be included. Made by one person. Or made by one person and quilted by another person.

**Guild Challenge:** Any quilt made meeting the criteria set for the Guild Challenge for the year. The Quilt Show Committee members will award a ribbon for the best implementation and execution of the challenge theme.

**SPONSOR a Young Quilter:** All active Guild members are eligible to sponsor a quilter under the age of 18. This is an opportunity for our Guild to grow by mentoring, encouraging, and supporting young quilters. No design or size restrictions for entries. All quilts must have the three layers. Entries will be showcased at the Quilt Show. *Quilts in this category will not exclude the quilter from entering the First-Time Entry category later.*

**Special Ribbons: Best of Show, Judge's Choice, Best Hand Quilting, Best Machine Quilting Stationary, Best Machine Quilting Track Mounted, Best use of Color & Design, Best use of Embellishment, Most Whimsical, and Best of Guild Challenge.**