



2019 VQF Quilt Contest Information and Rules

Vermont Quilt Festival quilts are not juried. Quilts are accepted based on entry timestamp. Quilt acceptance is limited to the first 40 miniature/small quilts, the first 180 entries for larger quilts, and up to 48 youth quilts ¹.
Quilt entry will open at 12 noon EST (GMT-5) on February 1, 2019 and continue until limits are reached.

VQF reserves the right to reject any entry.

GENERAL QUILT REQUIREMENTS

1. **Quilts must have been completed after February 1, 2018**, and cannot have been exhibited in the contest at a previous VQF show.
2. **Maximum quilt size is 110" x 110"**, unless otherwise specified in category descriptions.
3. **VQF defines a quilt as three layers held together with quilting stitches.** All quilts must be hand quilted, machine quilted, or both. *Tied quilts will not be accepted (exception: crazy quilts and youth quilts).*
4. Entries may have one or more quilted panels within the body of the quilt; no clothing, pillows, or framed/mounted pieces will be accepted.
5. *Quilts made from kits (including blocks of the month with fabric packets or preprinted whole cloth fabrics) will be disqualified.*
6. **Each individual or group may enter only one quilt.** A second quilt may be entered only if one is in the Miniature or Small Quilt category.
7. **Group quilts (i.e., made by three or more quilters) are accepted in all categories.** The group's name and the number of quilters involved must be recorded on the entry form in the areas provided.
8. All entries are subject to copyright laws. VQF requires entrants to obtain copyright releases when appropriate.
9. VQF reserves the right to change a quilt's category, but will attempt to contact the entrant before doing so.
10. If dictated by the number of entries, new categories may be added and/or standing ones subdivided or removed.

CATEGORY REQUIREMENTS

Bed Quilts: designed to be used on any size bed

Wall Quilts: designed to be hung for decorative purposes with a perimeter 150" or larger

Small Quilts: designed to be used for decorative purposes with a perimeter smaller than 150"

Each of the three categories above include the following technique-based subcategories:

Pieced: more than 50% pieced

Appliqué: more than 50% appliqué

Mixed and Other Techniques: a combination of techniques (e.g., appliquéd, pieced, embellished, embroidered, crazy, whole cloth, etc.)

Miniatures: perimeter 96" or less;
maximum block size 4" square

Miniature quilts must reflect reduced scale and miniaturization in any technique. In a photo, you should not be able to distinguish the size of a miniature quilt from a large quilt.

Modern Quilt Style: any size or type

Inspired by modern design; may have bold colors, high contrast, simple shapes, and/or improvisational piecing.

YOUTH QUILTS

Quilts made by quilters aged 17 and below are placed in the *Youth Quilts* category. General contest rules apply with the following modifications: quilts may be tied; **maximum size: 40" x 40"**; *all design and piecing or appliqué must be done by the youth entrant.*

¹Youth quilt acceptance gives priority to the first twelve returning contestants, then to contestants from Vermont and neighboring states/provinces, then others, up to 48 quilts.

Theme Quilts

2019 Theme: **Color My World**

A special award will go to the quilt that best expresses this theme. Participation is voluntary, and must be indicated by completing the theme-related sections of the contest submission form. Quilts entered in any category are eligible.

ENTRY FEES

\$35.00 for adult quilts not listed for sale

\$40.00 for adult quilts listed for sale

VQF receives a commission of 30% of the sale price if sold

\$15.00 for youth quilts

Entry and sales fees are not refundable if the entry is withdrawn from the contest after acceptance. If a quilt is not accepted, fees will be returned. Entry fees must be paid in US funds.

The maximum insurance coverage provided by VQF is \$1,000. Owners of quilts valued above \$1,000 must

provide additional insurance. In case of loss or damage, a certified appraisal or sales receipt documenting value must be presented to receive reimbursement from VQF. Quilts are covered by VQF's insurance from time of receipt until returned to the owner/designated recipient.

The cost of shipping to and from the Festival is the contestant's responsibility. Any customs fees incurred are the responsibility of the entrant. Return shipping fees are paid directly to the shipping processor.

QUILT PREPARATION AND DELIVERY

Entries must be available for hanging, judging, and display from **June 22 through June 29, 2019**.

Mailed quilts must arrive by June 9, 2019. **No entry will be taken down before the end of the Festival.**

A label with the quilt name and contestant's name must be attached to quilt back. Quilt makers' names must be covered during judging. VQF will cover names with

painter's tape if not covered by contestant. Covers will be removed after judging.

Quilts must have a 4" sleeve attached to the top of the quilt back. If the entry isn't square or rectangular, an appropriate means of hanging or displaying it on VQF racks must be provided.

Quilts must arrive clean, undamaged, and odor free.

JUDGING

Judges score entries using the following point system and provide a brief written critique. A quilt's final score is the average of three judges' scores. Score sheets and critiques are returned to contestants along with their quilts. **All decisions of the judges are final.**

Each quilt is judged on its own merits. Ribbons are awarded by the judges in accordance with the point system. A given category might have multiple ribbon winners or no winners at all. The category in which a quilt is entered has no effect on its ability to earn a ribbon, but may impact standing for best of category contest awards.

RIBBON CATEGORIES

Exceptional Merit (purple): 98–100 points

First (blue): 95–97 points

Second (red): 92–94 points

Third (yellow): 88–91 points

CONTEST AWARDS

Best of Show

Governor's Award (*the top scoring quilt maker and quilter from VT*)

Best Small Quilt

Founder's Award

Best Miniature Quilt

Best Modern Quilt

Best Pieced Quilt

Best Use of Theme

Best Appliqué Quilt

Best New Young Quilter

Best Returning Young Quilter

Best Mixed and Other Techniques Quilt

Best Quilt from Outside the U.S.A.

Judge's Choice (*awarded at each judges' discretion*)

Viewers' Choice Award

* Best Hand Quilting Award

* Machine Quilting, Domestic Machine Award

* Machine Quilting, Longarm Machine Award

* *awarded to the person who did the quilting*

Judges may award other ribbons for special achievement

POINT SYSTEM (100 points total)

Visual Impact **15 points maximum**

Design **40 points maximum**

20 points: use of pattern and design

10 points: effectiveness of color in design

5 points: suitability of materials

5 points: border treatment

Workmanship **45 points maximum**

20 points: precision of work, top and back

20 points: quality of quilting and/or needlework

5 points: binding and edge