



How to Organize a Quilt Block Contest

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The following items must be decided in advance:

1. Theme
2. Who is eligible
3. Person to whom entries are submitted
4. Entrée fee (kit included in fee ?)
5. Contents of kit – can extra fabrics be added – is sashing included
6. Block size
7. Block to be quilted or unquilted
8. Block to be pieced, appliquéed, both or separate categories
9. Block to be original des, tradition, or separate categories, or either
10. Embroidery permitted or not
11. 3-dimensional(stuffed) permitted or not
12. Deadline for entries
13. Deadline for receipt of completed block
14. Who will judge the blocks
15. Percentage awarded for design, percentage awarded for workmanship
16. What prizes will be offered
17. how will the blocks be used after the contest

The entry fee should cover all costs – fabric, photocopying, prizes etc. Add up the expected costs and divide by the number of entries anticipated to arrive at the fee. Kits are given out on receipt of the entry fee. The sheet of rules and instructions, and an entry form, must accompany each kit. Rules and instructions must be very specific to avoid misunderstanding.

If the response to the contest is greater than expected, will you be able to get more fabric? If a quilt is to be made from the blocks, you may want to purchase enough fabric for the back when you buy the fabric for the kits. It is very rare for all entries too be completed. For that reason, keep your plans as flexible as possible.

If a quilt is to be made from the blocks and raffled, you may wish to give five complimentary tickets to each entrant who completes their block.

If the background fabric is soft, cut it slightly larger than the required size. It will fray or draw up when being worked on. Ask contestants to trip their block to required size after completion.

Please see the attached Sample form that should be included with your fabric kit.

Anytown Quilters' Guild
Members Quilt Block Contest

Theme: _____
(Suggestions: Any design, either traditional or contemporary, incorporating . . .

Contest Rules:

- 1) Block to be unquilted
- 2) Block Size "nn" square, finished size plus nn" sashing on all sides. Use 1/4" seam allowance when joining sashing to block. (where nn" refers to the size)
- 3) Block to be made on point (or straight).
- 4) Block may be pieced and/or appliquéd with some embroidery. An entirely embroidered block will not be considered. Three-dimensional work (padding) is (or is not) permitted.
- 5) Submissions must be received no later than (date) by (name of block receiver) at (address).
- 6) The decision of the judges shall be final. No block will be returned. Design – xx%
Workmanship – xx%

Prizes: 1st Place - \$ 25.00 2nd Place- \$ 10.00 3rd Place - \$ 5.00

The kit contains:

- 1) Background block – nn" square, (colour), finished block to be nn" square, (1/4" seam allowance on all sides). Only if you are doing a pieced design may the background square be cut up and incorporated into your piecing.
- 2) One piece each of nn" x nn" and nn" x nn" to be used in your design. You may use additional fabric of your own choice to complete the design. Please pre-wash your own fabric. Fabric supplied with this kit has been washed.
- 3) Four strips of nn" x nn" sashing which are to be added to the outside of the block. Use 1/4" seam allowance when joining sashing to block
- 4) Entry form and envelope: to insure impartiality, please print your name, complete address, phone number and block name on the entry form. Place this in the envelope provided and pin it to the back of your block.
- 5) (if applicable) When the completed block is returned you will receive five complimentary tickets on the quilt. Thank you for taking part n this contest.



Name: -----

Address: -----

City: ----- Province: -----

Postal Code: ----- Phone Number: -----

Title of Block: -----
