



2026 Guidelines for Quilt Show Entries June 8-11, 2026

(Quilt Delivery Dates & Return Information on Entry Form)

A Mountain Quiltfest is free and open to the public. There are no fees for entering a quilt in our show. The quilt must have never been entered in a previously judged category in A Mountain Quiltfest. There is no limitation to the number of quilts that can be entered by one person or the number of quilts that can be entered into one category. **Each entry MUST HAVE a separate entry form, photo, and have a label attached to the back of the quilt.**

All entries, regardless of size, must have a 4" sleeve sewn to the upper back of the quilt, edge to edge. **Quilts without a sleeve will be returned to owner, no exceptions. For quilts longer than 110", the top edge of the sleeve must be 110" from the floor.** Quilts may be turned up from the bottom by basting or using safety pins only. If no other minimum size is listed, quilts must be at least 12" by 12" to hang in the show. **Quilts must have been completed within the past 5 years.**

All quilts must be entered by the maker(s) of the top. All entries must be quilted through all three (3) layers. Tied quilts will not be accepted (except for Youth Category – N). **A photo must accompany all entries.**

A Mountain Quiltfest reserves the right to reject, re-categorize or refuse to display any entry. All ribbons/prize monies may not be awarded if a category has five or fewer entries. The quilt show will be professionally judged before the start of the show, and all decisions of the judges are final.

- A. Hand Quilted** – The quilt must be 100% hand quilted by the maker.
- B. Extra Large Pieced** -- The piecing must be predominant over other techniques in amount and effect. The perimeter of the quilt is 350 inches or larger.
- C. Large Pieced** – The piecing must be predominant over other techniques in amount and effect. The perimeter of the quilt is 276 inches but less than 350 inches.
- D. Medium Pieced** – The piecing must be predominant over other techniques in amount and effect. The perimeter of the quilt is larger than 200 inches but less than 276 inches.
- E. Small Pieced** – The piecing must be predominant over other techniques in amount and effect. The perimeter of the quilt is a maximum of 200 inches.
- F. Large Paper Pieced** – Paper (or foundation) piecing must be predominant over other techniques in amount and effect. The perimeter of the quilt is 250 inches or larger.
- G. Small Paper Pieced** – Paper (or foundation) piecing must be predominant over other techniques in amount and effect. The perimeter of the quilt is less than 250 inches.

- H. Hand Applique** – The hand applique work must be predominant over other techniques in amount and effect.
- J. Machine Applique** – The machine applique work must be predominant over other techniques in amount and effect.
- K. Mixed Techniques** – The quilt must include a balanced variety of media (i.e., applique, pieced, and hand or machine embroidery).
- L. Modern** – The quilt includes, but is not limited to, the use of bold colors and prints, high contrast and graphic areas of solid color, improvisational piecing, minimalism, expansive negative space, and alternate grid work. The quilt can include modernized traditional blocks.
- M. Art/Creative** – The quilt displays innovative construction and/or design techniques. Any embellishments must be securely attached. The quilt, designed by the maker, presents an original idea or interprets artwork from another medium, without duplicating the work of others or violating any copyright laws.
- N. Youth (ages 17 & under)** – The quilt can be any size and must be composed of a minimum of at least 2 layers. The quilt must be pieced and quilted or tied in its entirety by the youth. The youth must designate their age on the entry form.
- P. Hand Embroidery** – The quilt must be predominately hand embroidered.
- Q. Machine Embroidery** – The quilt must be predominately machine embroidered.
- R. Large Themed Quilt** – The quilt must meet the theme of the year (i.e., Christmas Quilts, two color quilts, log cabin quilts, etc.). The theme will be announced each year at A Mountain Quiltfest for the following year. The perimeter of the quilt is 250 inches or larger.
- S. Small Themed Quilt** – The quilt must meet the theme of the year (i.e., Christmas Quilts, two color quilts, log cabin quilts, etc.). The theme will be announced each year at A Mountain Quiltfest for the following year. The perimeter of the quilt is less than 250 inches.

2026 Theme – Optical Illusion

A quilt that uses fabric manipulation to create the illusion of depth, movement or hidden images. The quilt may use color contrast, pattern scale and texture to trick the viewer's eye. The design plays tricks with the eyes and can trick our brains into seeing things that are not real, because of the way our brains process information from our eyes.

Quilters have been using angles, shading, and perspective to produce the illusion of three-dimensional depth for generations.

To qualify for the theme category, the quilt must use color, tone, and shape to produce the optical illusion of depth.

