

2026 SQG Viewer's Choice Category Definitions

APPLIQUÉ -- A design created by sewing fabric in different shapes and sizes is attached to a background fabric to form a design.

ORIGINAL QUILT DESIGN (Bed or Lap size) A design created by you or it can be your interpretation of an existing design with changes to make it different.

ORIGINAL QUILTING DESIGN (Bed or Lap size) A design you have created, not using an existing pattern or template.

BEST HAND QUILTING (Bed or Lap size) Excellent workmanship and the quilting enhances the design of the quilt.

BEST MACHINE QUILTING (Bed or Lap size) Excellent workmanship and the quilting compliments the design of the quilt.

TRADITIONAL Repeating blocks based on a grid. Simple or complex blocks or familiar historical blocks such as Log Cabin, Four Patch, Dresden Plate, Sampler, etc., set in rows and quilted in the style of the time.

ART/MODERN Using a stylized or free form design created entirely by you. More like a painting than a traditional quilt.

PANEL Added border elements or reconfiguring the panel. Adding thread painting or other embellishments.

WALLHANGING Outside dimensions are approximately 180 inches or less (Example 45" x 45" -- add the dimensions of each side -- $45 + 45 + 45 = 135$ or $18" \times 30"$ -- $18 + 18 + 30 + 30 = 96$).

JUNIOR QUILTER The maker must be age 18 or younger.

BEGINNING QUILTER The maker has been quilting for two years or less.

CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE A design honoring the 250th anniversary of the USA or the 175th anniversary of California. Size is to be 18" x 30" and follows the rules of the challenge.

MY FAVORITE THINGS Design of the quilt should depict something from the words of the song from "Sound of Music" or your personal favorite thing.

OTHER FABRIC CREATIONS Needlework, Rework, Embroidery, Tote Bags, Purses, Clothing, Table Runners. Place Mats, items not covered in any other category.