

# Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

## 2026 Quilts Competition and Entry Requirements

### Entry Fee

- \$5 per item

### Age Groups

- Junior: 13 years of age and younger
- Youth: 14-18 years of age
- Open: 19 years of age and older
- Senior: 65 years of age and older

### Schedule

Location - Drop-off and pick-up will be located in the Creative Arts Building.

| Event                       | Date and Time   |
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| Entry Form And Fee Deadline | Wednesday, July 22, 2026, by 4:00 p.m.  |
| Drop-off                    | August 2 & 3 (Sunday & Monday), 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m   |
| Judging                     | Closed to the public  |
| Judging Results             | Judging results will be posted online on Monday, August 31st, at 5:00 p.m. Results will not be given before this time/date. |
| Pick-up                     | Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  |

## Entry Requirements

These requirements are in addition to the 2026 Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements, the General Entry & Fine Arts 2026 Competition & Entry Requirements, and the Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct.

- A. One entry per class.
- B. Quilts are defined as having three layers: a top, batting, and a backing.
- C. Quilts must be quilted through all of the above three layers - top, batting, and backing.
- D. All quilts must be finished.
- E. A *Duet* (two-person) quilt is defined as a quilt made by one person and quilted by someone else. Duet quilts should be entered in Classes 0311-0344. With a Duet Quilt entry, the Colorado State Fair Authority (“Authority”) will pay the premium to the first name on the entry form. It will recognize both individuals with a ribbon.
- F. A *One-person* quilt is defined as a quilt made by one person only. One-person quilts should be entered in Classes 0411-0443.
- G. Quilts entered must have been constructed and completed within the last three years.
- H. Quilts previously entered in the Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition may not be entered again.
- I. Quilts soiled, worn, or deemed unworthy of judging will not be accepted. Quilts should be clean and free of odors and pet hair.
- J. Safety pins, only, will be used for attaching entry tags to quilts. Quilts may have a hanging sleeve.
- K. Because of limited show space, please note that quilts may be displayed folded.
- L. The quilt label and/or name of the quilter on the quilt must be covered.
- M. Judging will be based on the Colorado Quilt Council standards.
- N. Quilts may be judged in any order, not necessarily in the order in which they appear.

## Definitions

Duet - is a quilt constructed by one person and quilted by someone else.

Art Quilt - is a contemporary artwork of original design involving the creative expression and exploration of various processes, such as dyeing, printing, painting, stitching, embellishing, quilting, and weaving. An Art Quilt does not follow traditional block lines.

Memory Quilt - is a way of remembering or celebrating family history, the life of a loved one, or an important event in life. Materials used can be clothing, photos, memorabilia, etc.

Appliqué Quilt - Use appliqué as the primary feature. The definition of appliqué is the sewing of smaller pieces of fabric onto a large, whole piece of fabric. Appliqué quilts can include other quilting techniques in a secondary role.

Modern Quilts - are defined as functional quilts that include bold colors and are inspired by modern design. Minimalism, asymmetry, expansive negative space, and alternate grid work are often a part of modern quilt composition, as are improvisational piecing and solid fabrics.

Whole Cloth Quilt - The top layer of a whole cloth quilt is made from a single piece of fabric. No patchwork or appliqué is used in the quilt design. The appearance of a whole cloth quilt relies on the quilting motifs that are chosen, and quilting stitches are usually intricate and closely spaced.

Baby Quilt - is defined as a small quilt made to fit easily in a crib or stroller.

Machine Quilting - quilting with any type of machine.

## Quilt Divisions And Classes

### Quilts Duet Division 0057

#### Premiums

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from the Colorado State Fair Authority in each group

#### Classes 0311-0344

- 0311. Art Quilt, original design, hand or machine quilted
- 0312. Memory Quilt, hand or machine quilted
- 0313. Modern Quilt
- 0314. Quilt, applique, hand quilted
- 0315. Quilt, applique, machine quilted
- 0316. Quilt, pieced, hand quilted, traditional blocks, paper piecing, original designed blocks, etc.
- 0317. Quilt, pieced, machine quilted, traditional blocks, paper piecing, original designed blocks, etc.
- 0318. Quilt, mixed techniques, using two or more techniques such as applique, pieced, embroidery, painting, dyeing, etc., - hand quilted
- 0319. Quilt, mixed techniques using two or more techniques such as applique, pieced, embroidery, painting, dyeing, etc., - machine quilted
- 0320. Quilt, hand embroidered with hand embroidery being the main feature, hand quilted
- 0321. Quilt, hand embroidered with hand embroidery being the main feature, machine quilted
- 0322. Quilt, machine embroidered with machine embroidery being the main feature, hand quilted

- 0323. Quilt, machine embroidered with machine embroidery being the main feature, machine quilted
- 0324. Quilt, baby, hand-quilted, must be appropriate for a baby
- 0325. Quilt, baby, machine-quilted, must be appropriate for a baby
- 0326. Quilt, baby, tied
- 0327. Whole cloth quilt, hand quilted
- 0328. Whole cloth quilt, machine quilted
- 0329. Preprinted panels, hand quilted. Commercially printed and/or pre-quilted, such as cheater squares or larger (pre-printed panels with heavily pieced or appliqué work may be entered in other quilt classes.)
- 0330. Preprinted panels, machine quilted, commercially printed, and/or pre-quilted, such as cheater squares or larger (Preprinted panels with heavily pieced or applique work may be entered in other quilt classes.)
- 0331. Quilt, recycled denim, must be at least 50% denim
- 0332. Quilt, 50% recycled, other than denim
- 0333. Quilt, miniature, no larger than 24 inches x 24 inches, must reflect an overall reduced scale in piecing, applique, pattern, and binding
- 0334. Quilt, hand pieced and quilted; all work must be done by hand except binding, which may be attached on one side by machine
- 0335. New quilts from old blocks or quilt tops made into finished quilts must be at least 15 years old
- 0336. Any other quilt not listed above or falling into any quilt definition (tied, cathedral window, puff, biscuit, Yo-Yo, Crazy Quilt, Comforters, etc.)
- 0337. Group (more than *two* people), hand quilted or machine quilted, must be entered in the name of the group.
- 0338. Art wall-hanging, original design, no side longer than 60 inches
- 0339. Wall-hanging, hand quilted or machine quilted, no side longer than 60 inches
- 0340. Clothing must be 3 layers, quilted
- 0341. Pillows must be 3 layers, quilted

- 0342. Table Runners and Placemats must be 3 layers, quilted
- 0343. Accessories (purses, totes, potholders, etc.) must be 3 layers, quilted
- 0344. 2026-themed quilt using any technique and materials to express “Fairitage”

## **Quilts One Person Division 0058**

### **Premiums**

- 1st - \$1
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
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### **Special Awards**

- Colorado Quilt Council offers a ribbon to the best “First Time Entering” the Colorado State Fair in the Quilt Department, in the Open age group