

HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO™

QUILT CONTEST RULES

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1. Only colorfast fabrics that have been pre-shrunk are to be used in the quilts entered in the contest. Any fabric used should be no more than 50 percent synthetic fiber, including backing, except for crazy quilts. A quilt must consist of three layers: a backing, a batting and a top. *Note rule 9 for machine quilted.*
2. Double knits may not be used. No pre-printed quilt cloth (cheater cloth) may be used. Quilter's ink WILL be acceptable.
3. Quilt may be made either by an individual or by a group of quilters.
4. **Manufactured quilts will not be accepted.**
5. Quilts may not be entered in this contest more than one time.
6. Maximum size permitted: 108" x 108". Smaller quilts and wall hangings will be accepted (see rule 10 for wall hanging division size requirements). When measuring quilts, a metal tape measure should be used.
7. Quilts must be **clean and in good condition**. Soiled or stained quilts will be rejected.
8. Each quilt entry must have a 4 in. finished double casing sewn in across the full width of the back of the top edge for hanging on a rod in the display. This is called the sleeve. This sleeve needs to be stitched on the top and bottom. See directions on the following page.
9. A label must be sewn on the back of each quilt. **The label must be embroidered, typed, or written with a fabric pen on muslin. DO NOT use ballpoint pen.** Label must include the name of the quilt, quilt owner's name and the county name for Area Go Texan contestants or area name for Houston Metro contestants.
10. Quilts may be appliquéd, pieced or any combination of quilting techniques. Quilting and piecing of the quilt may be done by machine or hand. Machine quilted and each block must be 2/3 quilted (but no quilting through appliqué design).
11. There are 10 divisions in the quilt contest: Five under MACHINE QUILTING - appliquéd, piecwork, pictorial (theme quilt), wall hanging (minimum size is 18" x 18"; maximum size is 60" x 60") and mixed media which includes any technique not covered in other specific categories and five under HAND QUILTING – appliquéd, piece work, pictorial (theme quilt), wall hanging (minimum size is 18" x 18"; maximum size is 60" x 60") and mixed media which includes any technique not covered in other specific categories.

AWARDS

Ribbons will be awarded as follows: Best of Show, Best of Division, blue, red, white or green. There also will be ribbons awarded as "Judges' Choice" in recognition of special merit as designated by the judges of the quilt contest. A final ribbon will be awarded to the quilt voted as the favorite by the quilt subcommittee members.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility will be determined by Area Go Texan or Houston Metro Go Texan Committee officials. Each quilt entry must be constructed within the geographical boundaries of the Go Texan Committee it represents within the past two years. Only one quilt entry per county or subcommittee will be allowed.

Contestants may represent only one of the following Go Texan committees:

Area Go Texan or Houston Metro Go Texan.

Area Go Texan Committee – Includes one quilt from each of the following counties:

Anderson, Angelina, Aransas, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Bell, Bosque, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cherokee, Colorado, DeWitt, Falls, Fayette, Freestone, Goliad, Gonzales, Gregg, Grimes, Hardin, Harrison, Henderson, Hill, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Karnes, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Limestone, Live Oak, Madison, Matagorda, McLennan, Milam, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Panola, Polk, Refugio, Robertson, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Shelby, Trinity, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Washington, Wharton and Williamson counties.

Houston Metro Go Texan Committee – Includes the following subcommittees: Aldine/Spring/Klein, Alief/Southwest, Alvin/Pearland, Baytown/Highlands, Brazoria Southwest, Channelview/Sheldon, Chambers County, Conroe/Willis/The Woodlands, Crosby/Huffman, Cypress-Fairbanks, Fort Bend/Stafford, Galveston Mainland, Humble/Kingwood, Jacinto City/Galena Park, Katy, Lamar/Needville, Liberty County, NASA/Clear Creek/Friendswood, New Caney/Splendor, Pasadena/Deer Park/La Porte, Spring Branch/Memorial, Tomball/Magnolia/Montgomery and Waller County.