



# 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rio Grande Valley Quilt Show “Texas Fiesta” February 14-15, 2025 South Padre Island Convention Centre

## Categories

These descriptions may be used to assist quilters in selecting categories to register their entries. Quilters, please, be sure to fill out the quilt description areas on the description sheet. The maximum perimeter is 480 inches. Quilts with a total perimeter over 480” will NOT be accepted for this show.

**WALLHANGINGS:** These quilts will be placed in one of the following subcategories based on their perimeter: This category includes ANY entry that is pieced, embroidered, appliqued, whole cloth, hand and/or machine quilted specifically made to be hung on the wall.

**SMALL** - Perimeter is less than 144 inches.

**LARGE** - Perimeter is greater than 145 inches and less than the maximum perimeter.

**ART QUILTS:** These must be an original design by the quilt maker. These may utilize multiple techniques, include embellishments, thread painting, beading, painting on fabric, photography on fabric, etc. Quilt must be less than the maximum perimeter.

**MODERN QUILTS:** These quilts generally have the following characteristics: Simplified, abstract design; Use of solid fabrics, bold colors, large prints; Negative space is very important in the overall composition; Improvisational piecing may be employed.; Upcycled/recycled fabrics are often used; Quilting is restrained, often linear. Quilt must be less than the maximum perimeter.

**BED QUILTS:** These may include baby, crib and throw quilts, and will be placed in one of the following subcategories based on their perimeter:

**SMALL** - Perimeter is less than 250 inches.

**MEDIUM** - Perimeter is greater than 250 inches and less than or equal to 325 inches.

**LARGE** - Perimeter is greater than 325 inches and less than the maximum perimeter.

**HAND WORK:** HAND quilted, embroidered, applique, etc. Over 50% must be hand work. Quilt must be less than the maximum perimeter.

**MACHINE WORK:** Artistry of machine quilting, machine embroidery, or machine applique. Over 50% must be machine work. Quilt must be less than the maximum perimeter.

**RECYCLED/UPCYCLED:** Fabrics that started as something else like clothing, sheets, curtains, thrift store finds.

Wearable: Must be at least 50% recycled/upcycled materials and contain at least 50% fabric.

Home Décor: Must be at least 50% recycled/upcycled materials and contain at least 50% fabric.

Quilts: Any size quilt. Must be 3 layers and 80% fabric.

**WEARABLE:** Clothing, jackets, christening gowns, skirts, vests, and accessories such as purses, bags, totes, shoes, slippers and hats.

**HOME DECOR:** Placemats, table runners, potholders, dolls, fiber bowls, and children's toys such as play mats and bumper pads.

**NOVICE:** The first time an entrant has had a quilt in ANY show. Any quilting form is acceptable but must have 3 layers and be quilted, not tied. Quilt must be less than the maximum perimeter.

**GROUP QUILTS:** Quilts of any size that were made as a group challenge, everyone in the Bee made the same pattern, BOM, or one quilt made by more than one person.

**YOUTH:** A youth quilter must be 18 years of age or younger and hadn't yet graduated from high school when the item was made. Their entry may match any of the above categories. A youth quilter may make a Challenge or Chair's Choice quilt, but it must be entered in that category.

**2025 CHALLENGE:** "*Diversity of Texas*" [See 2025 Challenge Quilt Rules.](#)

**2025 CHAIR'S CHOICE:** Chairs Choice will require an element of the Mexican Culture of the valley. This could represent colors, designs, or holidays. Any size, as long as it does not exceed the maximum perimeter of 480 inches. See [2025 Chair's Choice Quilt Rules](#) for more information.