FAQ about School Block Challenge Contest

How do I get started?
Challenge fabric is available in mid-August and blocks are due December 1st. Contact Becky Glasby, Director of Education with any questions about the School Block Challenge: 270-442-8856 x213, bglasby@quiltmuseum.org

Is there a cost to participate?
No - there is no entry fee to submit blocks.

My child is not enrolled in a public school- can they still participate?
Yes! Students must be in K – 12th grade, but can submit a block as part of other groups/organizations or just as an individual interested in quilting. Participating groups can include: Homeschool families, 4-H, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, youth groups, community sponsored youth program, after-school clubs, etc.

I don’t know how to quilt – can I ask someone else to help my students?
Yes! We want all participants to be safe while learning and developing quilt skills. Ask at your local quilt guild, fabric shop, sewing group at church, Community Center, Parks Department, or a quilter you know to help you with the skills and process of creating a quilt block.

Can I use fabric glue or an iron-on fusible?
Yes! However, blocks must have some stitching in them and this can be done by hand or with a sewing machine. You’re welcome to use fusible like Wonder Under, Steam-A-Seam2, or other stabilizers, fabric glue, and extra trims/embellishments, etc.

Who are the judges?
We choose 3 quilters/artists from the local community as judges each year. Blocks are judged and winners chosen based on: craftsmanship, creative use of the Moda challenge fabrics, overall composition, and submission of all required entry materials.

What happens to the blocks after the exhibit?
All blocks are returned once the exhibit is finished – usually in April/May. Winning blocks are kept on exhibit in the Museum’s Education hallway through the summer as advertising for the next cycle and then returned. Blocks are returned to the address on the entry form, unless otherwise specified.