SBC AWARDS

Blocks are entered and judged in the following three categories:

K–4th Grade
5th–8th Grade
9th–12th Grade

The following awards will be given:

- $300 Grand Prize
- $150 for First Place in each category
- $100 for Second Place in each category
- $75 for Third Place in each category

Mail Entries to:
The National Quilt Museum
ATTN: School Block Challenge
215 Jefferson St.
Paducah, KY 42001

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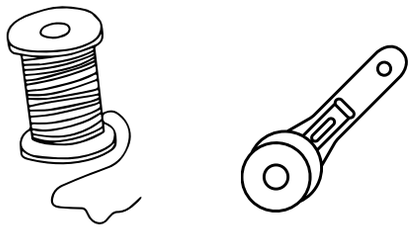

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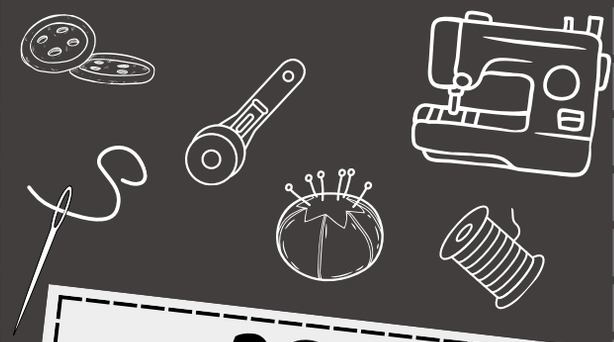

2027 SCHOOL BLOCK CHALLENGE

GET INVOLVED

School Block Challenge is an annual, nationwide competition & exhibit sponsored by Moda Fabrics & Dippin' Dots, coordinated by The National Quilt Museum. Students in grades K-12 are invited to learn about quilting by creating their own quilt block to enter in the exhibit contest. All blocks entered will be exhibited at the museum. All blocks will be returned after the close of the exhibit. Winning blocks & exhibit images will be shared on the museum's website.

CONTEST RULES

- Blocks are to be constructed by students in grades K-12. They can work individually, in pairs, or in groups. A student may only submit and be represented on one (1) entry block.
- Students may make a block on their own at home, or as part of a school classroom, club, homeschool, 4-H group, Scout troop, etc.
- Blocks can be based on existing quilt patterns or be an original design.
- Blocks must measure 16" x 16" square. Blocks varying more than 1" larger or smaller will be disqualified from judging. Please note block orientation on the back.
- A recognizable piece of all 3 challenge fabrics must be included in the block. Additional fabrics may be added as desired. No loose glitter. Blocks not using all 3 challenge fabrics will be disqualified from judging.
- Blocks must include some machine or hand stitching, but should not be fully quilted (no batting/backing needed).
- Please do not frame or mount the block to anything other than fabric.
- Work is to be completed by the students, but adult assistance is welcome when working with irons, sewing machines, rotary cutters, or needles.
- Entry forms are to be completed neatly and attached with pin or paperclip to the block. Do not staple entry materials to the block.
- **To be eligible for judging & prizes: 1) hand deliver entry to NQM by 5pm on the deadline OR 2) be postmarked on or before the deadline.**
- Blocks will be judged and winners chosen based on craftsmanship, creative use of the challenge fabrics, overall composition, and submission of entry materials.
- Award winners will be notified via email or phone. Prize money checks will be sent via mail or given in person.

Students, teachers, and parents are encouraged to ask local quilters for assistance or ideas. Contact Becky Glasby, Director of Learning & Engagement with any questions: bglasby@quiltmuseum.org.

2027 ENTRY FORM

ENTRY DEADLINE: Monday, November 2, 2026

Please PRINT Legibly

Teacher/ Parent Name: _____

School Name/Home: _____

Return Address: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Teacher/Parent Phone: _____

Teacher/Parent Email: _____

Grade Level of Students: _____

Title of Quilt Block: _____

Names of Students Involved *(print legibly)*: _____

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All quilts have a story! Please include a separate paper with a brief story of your quilt block.

As the teacher/parent/leader I wish to enter the above school block and agree to abide by the rules and decisions of the judges. I certify that this quilt block is the work of the students named above. I understand my signature gives NQM and Moda Fabrics permission to use a photo of this quilt block and materials submitted in any publications, advertisements, or promotional materials.

Teacher/Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

For additional entry forms, visit **QuiltMuseum.org/sbc**

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