

Yes, I want to participate in the Kids' Quilt Challenge 2026.

I have read and understand the contest rules listed on this form. I will be notified if I am one of the first 50 entrants. Participants must ship or deliver their quilts so they arrive at The Nancy Zieman Sewing Studio & Quilt Shop on or before August 15, 2026.

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First Name	Last Name	Age
Parent's or Guardian's Name	Phone Number	
Address	Email Address	
City	State	Zip
School you attend	Year in School	
Local Newspaper Name	Newspaper Street Address	
Signed	Date	

To reserve your spot in the contest, return this portion *as soon as possible* to

**Kids' Quilt Challenge 2026/Nancy Zieman Sewing Studio & Quilt Shop
120 Front St
Beaver Dam WI 53916**

KIDS' QUILT CHALLENGE 2026

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THE GREAT WISCONSIN QUILT SHOW 2026 | SEPTEMBER 10-12

presented by PBS Wisconsin and Nancy Zieman Productions

Contest Guidelines

- The contest is open to all youth ages 15 and under, except employees of contest sponsor and their immediate families.
- Preregistration is required. The contest is limited to the first 50 persons who return the contest entry form found on the top of this page. Complete and mail the entry form as soon as possible to reserve your spot. A representative will contact you to indicate if you are not one of the first 50 contest entrants.
- Sew a quilt using any techniques, pattern, design and fabrics you choose.
 - Quilts must be no larger than 45" square or 45" in diameter, but may be smaller.
 - Quilts may be any shape.
 - Construction and quilting may be done by hand or by machine.
 - Quilters may use any type of embellishment, batting and backing.
 - Quilts must have a **4" deep** rod pocket at top-back of quilt. This will be used to hang the quilt at the show.
 - Identify your quilt with its title and your name on one of the bottom-back corners.**
 - All work must be done by the exhibitor.
 - One quilt per exhibitor, per year.
- Contest entrants must ship or deliver their completed quilts and the enclosed signed and completed Kids' Quilt Challenge Contest Information Sheet (attached) to Nancy Zieman Sewing Studio & Quilt Shop so they arrive on or before August 15, 2026. Note: We recommend that you insure your quilt. Boxes and packaging will not be returned.
- Preliminary judging will take place two weeks prior to The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show. Quilts will be judged on workmanship, creativity, and overall appearance. Quilts will be displayed at the show in the Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison September 10-12, 2026.
- Prizes will be awarded to those making the top three quilts. First prize: \$200 gift card; second prize \$100 gift card; and third prize \$50 gift card for The Nancy Zieman Sewing Studio & Quilt Shop.
- Winners will be announced at the show on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at 11:15 a.m. on the presentation stage in the Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. Although it is not mandatory that participants attend the awards presentation, we hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to see the quilts made by other young people and to participate in some of the many educational opportunities available at the show.
- Winning quilts and/or the persons who made them may be photographed and/or video recorded for promotional purposes.

For Additional Information Contact

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KIDS' QUILT CHALLENGE 2026 Information Sheet

First Name

Last Name

Age

1. What pattern(s)/book did you use, if any?

2. Describe the fabric(s), (including fiber content), thread and trims used in making your quilt.

3. Describe special construction or decorative technique(s) used on your quilt. What did you learn making your quilt? What was the most difficult?

4. What embellishments (if any) were added to your quilt?

5. Tell us a little about yourself (school and nonschool activities, favorite school subject, what you plan to do after graduation, hobbies, special interests etc.).

6. Include the name and story of your quilt. Print or type 50 words or less. Portions of this will be read during the awards presentation. Include your name, hometown, and age. Describe your quilt. Tell us about the inspiration for your quilt, what you liked best about making it, what was especially difficult, any special techniques you used, etc.

Quilt title followed by quilt story:

I have read and understand the Kids' Quilt Challenge Contest Guidelines.

Signed

Date

- I plan to pick up my quilt in Beaver Dam in mid-late September.
- I plan to pick up my quilt at The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show on September 12, 2026 at 5 p.m.
- Please ship my quilt back to me. Enclosed is \$5 (make check payable to **The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show**; no cash) to help defray the cost of packing and shipping.

Parent signature required: I have read the contest guidelines and give permission for my child and/or his/her quilt to be photographed and/or video recorded for possible use in future promotion of The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show.

Signed

Date

Mail this form along with your quilt so they arrive on or before August 15, 2026, to:
Kids' Quilt Challenge 2026; Nancy Zieman Productions; PO Box 531; Beaver Dam WI 53916.