



2011 Alabama Cotton Quilting Contest

WHO MAY ENTER

1. To be eligible to participate in this program, an individual must be an Alabama Farmers Federation (ALFA Farmers) member.
2. County winners may be determined by means of a county show and contest conducted and approved by that county.
3. A county may enter a person representing first place in the state contest.
4. PROFESSIONAL QUILTERS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE. (Those who take orders and sell quilts, work in a quilting business, or sell more than five of their "hobby" made quilts per year)
5. The families of employees of the Alabama Farmers Federation and/or the Alfa Companies will not be eligible for this contest.
6. First place winner in the previous years state contest will not be eligible to enter the year immediately following.

HOW TO ENTER

1. The state show will be open to individuals who are selected from county shows and contests as a first place winner. In the event the first place winner is unable to attend the state show the county may send its second place winner.
2. The individual who constructs the quilt is the contestant. This individual must complete all work and be present at the State Contest.
3. The enclosed entry form may be used for submitting entries to the county and to the state contests.

HAND STITCHED QUILTS

1. Quilts, including lining, must be hand stitched and made from all cotton or cotton blends of at least 50% cotton.
2. Quilts must have been completed within the past year and must be a standard full bed size or larger.
3. Each quilt will be displayed for everyone to see at the Women's Luncheon during the Annual Commodity Producers Conference.
4. The same quilt placing first in the county contest must be the entry for the State Contest

MACHINE STITCHED QUILTS

1. Quilts, including lining, must be machine stitched made from all cotton or cotton blends of at least 50% cotton.
2. Quilts must have been completed within the past year, and the dimensions should be a standard full bed size or larger.
3. Each quilt will be displayed for everyone to see at the Women's Luncheon during Annual Commodity Producers Conference.
4. The same quilt placing first in the county contest must be the entry for the State Contest.

GUIDELINES

*** These are suggestions made by our quilting judges**

1. Top of quilt may be pieced, appliqued, embroidered, etc. by hand or machine and all fabric must be at least 50% cotton. ***All cotton fabrics are preferred – they present a better appearance. 100% cotton fabrics are easier to work with and control when piecing.**
2. Batting is quilter's choice. A polyester batting quilts easily, laundries good, allows a good puffing design. ***All cotton batts are preferred – they are safer and make a smoother quilt. A batting of at least 80% cotton gives a better look and feel to cotton fabrics. It also drapes and hangs better.**
3. Lining must be of same type of fabric as top. ***All cotton preferred.**
4. Thread – Quilting thread should match lining. Quilting should follow pattern of top. ***Quilting thread and quilting designs should enhance quilt. Thread should enhance top not lining. Quilting does not necessarily have to follow pieces – it should enhance and add beauty to top.**

5. Hem may be bound by machine or hand. ****Bias works better for binding sometimes and should be sewn on top side then folded to back and slip stitched invisibly on back. Binding may be applied by machine or hand. It should be smooth and full.***

TIMETABLE

1. Entries in the State Quilting must be received from the county no later than **July 1, 2011**. Any forms received after this date will have 10 points deducted from the total score.
2. Entry forms should be mailed to:

Kim Earwood
Alabama Farmers Federation
P.O. Box 11000
Montgomery, Alabama 36191-0001

STATE CONTEST, AWARDS AND JUDGING

1. The state show will be held at the ALFA Farmers Commodity Conference in August.
2. The winners will receive the following cash awards:

First Prize	\$150
Second Prize	\$100
Third Prize	\$75

Entry Form

Hand Stitched Cotton Quilting Contest

Fiber Content of material used _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____
(street) (city) (zip)

PHONE () _____ COUNTY _____

DESIGN USED FOR QUILT _____

Deadline: July 1, 2011

Entry Form

Machine Stitched Cotton Quilting Contest

Fiber content of material used _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____
(street) (city) (zip)

PHONE() _____ COUNTY _____

DESIGN USED FOR QUILT _____

Deadline: July 1, 2011
