

SVQG Alphabet Challenge

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Purpose:

- 1) To make a collection of small quilts that can be hung together, either as one big group or several small ones, for display at our next quilt show, a regional quilt show, or other locations such as pediatric areas of local clinics or hospitals. No display venues are yet confirmed.
- 2) To work with other quilters collaboratively while at the same time developing our own original design skills.

When hung as a large single display, I imagine a 5-quilt by 5-quilt grid, with one letter represented on each quilt, except "A". "A" will be represented by a banner to be hung above the grid, saying "A is for Alphabet." That banner will be the width of the center 3 rows of quilts.



Each quilt should clearly show the letter it represents (readable from some distance), but can be designed any way the maker likes. We chose a size that would allow for a nine-patch arrangement of 5" blocks if desired, but any design style is acceptable: piecing, appliqué, whole cloth, and any kind of surface design as long as it does not extend outside the dimensions. The quilt shouldn't be so heavy that it doesn't hang straight.

Dimensions: 15½ inches square, including a black 1/4 inch single-fold binding (there will be a workshop about how to make this binding for those who may need it).

Color palette: The photo above shows 3 samples of fabric. Please use at least one of these colors as a major color in your design. You can add any other color of fabric or embellishment you like as long as it blends well with the general look of the 3 samples. Keep in mind that we could be displaying this for kids to enjoy. Hint: Small amounts of black and white printed fabric could add a spark, especially with the black binding.

Design collaboration: If there is sufficient interest, we could hold preliminary design discussions to give each of us options to consider and encouragement as we plan our quilts.

Choosing your letter(s): We will draw our letters out of a hat. If there are letters left after everyone who wants to participate has one letter, it is possible that you could have a second one.