

Stargazing



JN HARPER YOUTH CHALLENGE 2025

GUIDELINES

The 2025 challenge for youth is to complete a quilt based on the theme *Stargazing* using any style of quilting—art, traditional, and/or modern. The quilt *must* include all or part of a fat eighth of challenge fabric on the face of the quilt. Challenge fabric can be obtained by emailing diane.carson@canadianquilteradministration.com.

The quilt can be any size, up to a 200-inch perimeter (total of the length of the four sides of the quilt), but a smaller size may be easier to tackle. The quilt must be made of three layers and be quilted by hand and/or machine. It must be bound or closed along the edges with hand and/or machine stitching. Most of the quilt must be the work of the young quilter, who may use any combination of hand and/or machine piecing, appliqué, and quilting. The use of embellishments such as beads, embroidery, fibres, ribbon, paint, crayon, etc., is your choice. This is an opportunity to experiment and try new things!

The entry must be free of any text or images that are protected by copyright unless you have written permission from the holder of the copyright. For any patterns or designs that are not your own, please give credit to the source. The challenge is open to all youth in Canada up to 19 years of age. The entries must be sponsored by a CQA/ACC individual, professional, or shop member, in good standing. Members may sponsor more than one entry. By entering, you are giving the CQA/ACC permission to display your quilt on its website, blog, social media, and in the magazine, *Canadian Quilter*.

ENTRY TIME FRAME

There will be an online display and voting for *Viewers' Choice* in three age categories: 5-9 years, 10-14 years, and 15-19 years. In addition, participants are invited to send their quilts to be displayed at *Quilt Canada 2025* in Toronto, ON.

STEP 1

Your quilt can be entered into the challenge by filling out the entry application on the CQA/ACC website, complete with a photo of your quilt. The completed entry form *must* be submitted online between February 3 and May 2, 2025. The quilt photo will be uploaded to the CQA/ACC website and available for viewers to vote online for *Viewers' Choice* from May 9 to June 13, 2025. Please remember that online voting is based on the photo alone—the photo should be taken in good (natural) lighting, with no background distractions, at a close distance, and with no people in it. File size should 1-3 MB so it will show clearly on the website. All edges of your quilt need to be visible in the photo.

STEP 2

If you wish to have your quilt displayed at *Quilt Canada 2025* in Toronto, follow the instructions that will be provided upon entry of your quilt in Step 1. If you are sending your quilt for display, please attach a four-inch hanging sleeve to the top of the back of the quilt. In addition, attach a label to the back of the quilt showing the title, artist's name, age category, date completed, and credits, if any. Quilts will be displayed at *Quilt Canada 2025* from June 19-21, 2025, and in-person visitors will also be able to vote for their favourite entry in each age category.

The online winners (the one entrant in each of the three age categories with the most online votes) will be announced the evening of June 18 at the *Quilt Canada 2025* Welcome and Award Ceremony.

The three quilts in each age category which receive the most in-person *Viewers' Choice* votes at *Quilt Canada* will receive their awards on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at the *Viewers' Choice* Award Ceremony. After the event, the quilts will either be picked up by the entrants (if prior arrangements have been made) or mailed back.

PRIZES

For the online voting component, a \$100 cash award will be given to the one entrant in each of the three age categories that receives the most online votes.

For the quilts displayed in Toronto at *Quilt Canada 2025*, a Horizon Memory Craft 8200SE sewing machine donated by JANOME will be awarded to the winner receiving the most in-person votes in each of the age categories, and a My Style 100 sewing machine donated by JANOME will be awarded to the second and third place winners of each category determined by in-person voting. Note: to be eligible for the sewing machine prizes your quilt must be displayed at *Quilt Canada 2025* in Toronto, ON. If the winners choose to submit a photo of themselves with their quilt by July 15, 2025, the photo may be published in the autumn 2025 issue of *Canadian Quilter*. ✨

Members are encouraged to find young quilters! The sponsors of the entries who win the *Viewers' Choice* awards will receive a free one-year renewal of their CQA/ACC membership.

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