

38TH ANNUAL CQA/ACC TRENDTEX CHALLENGE

Confluence

TrendTex Fabrics, Inc. is, once again, generously donating the wonderful fabrics for the theme, **Confluence**. Kits will be available **September 15, 2025**, for members and after **October 14, 2025**, for non-members. Participants may use their kits to enter wall hangings and bags in the TrendTex Challenge.

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NEW TO THE
2026 CHALLENGE

BAGS!

RULES:

- 1 Fabric Use:** All five of the fabrics in the kit must be clearly visible on the front of the wall quilt or the exterior of the bag. You may use three additional fabrics of your own choosing. Each kit consists of five TrendTex fabrics cut into fat quarters.
- 2 The First Place** is presented to a CQA/ACC member for the best use of the kit fabric. To be eligible, only the five kit fabrics may be used on the front of the wall quilt (including binding) or on the exterior of the bag. Additional fabrics may be included on the back of the wall quilt or inside the bag.
- 3 Design** may be modern or traditional, and any combination of machine and/or hand piecing, appliqué, or quilting is acceptable. Embellishments are at the quilter's discretion. Quilts and bags will be judged on general appearance, design, workmanship, and the use of the challenge fabric.
- 4 Size:** perimeter (the sum of the length of all sides) of the finished piece must be no larger than 120", regardless of shape. There is no minimum size restriction.
- 5 Finishing:** must be completely finished—including all aspects of quilting, binding, needlework/embroidery—and labelled.
- 6 Hanging Sleeve:** The wall quilt must have a sleeve at least 2" wide, stitched onto the back; the bag must have at least one handle or strap.
- 7 Label:** secured to the back of the wall quilt or the inside of the bag, and to include title, artist's name, date completed, and credits. For any techniques not your own, please give credit to sources and obtain written permission if using another person's design. Please remember to respect copyright.
- 8 Kits:** Order online at conference.canadianquilter.com/cqa-acc-quilt-challenges-2026 under the *2026 TrendTex Challenge* section of the page.
- 9 Member sales** begin September 15, 2025. Non-members sales begin October 14, 2025. Limit of one per person until January 1, 2026. Additional kits may be purchased after that date, if available.
- 10 Deadlines:** Wall quilts and bags are due April 30, 2026, in order to be eligible for judging, and must meet all challenge rules. If you wish to donate a quilt or a bag for the silent auction fundraiser, without being judged, it must be received by May 20, 2026.
- 11 All wall quilts and bags** become the property of CQA/ACC and will be displayed at *Quilt Canada 2026*, June 18-20, 2026, in Winnipeg, MB. All quilts and bags received will be sold by silent auction ending on June 20, 2026.
- 12 Prizes are awarded for:**
 - First Place for CQA/ACC members only
 - Second and third place for wall quilt or bag, and
 - Judge's Choice Awards may also be given.
 - A Viewers' Choice Award will be announced in the early afternoon of June 20, 2026.

Entry photographs may be used in *Canadian Quilter* magazine, on the CQA/ACC website, or for other promotional purposes.

Thank you for participating in the CQA/ACC *TrendTex Challenge!* We welcome all wall quilts and bags and look forward to seeing and displaying your pieces in Winnipeg.

The online application form is available starting January 23, 2026. The link can be found on the CQA/ACC website at conference.canadianquilter.com/cqa-acc-quilt-challenges-2026/ under the *2026 TrendTex Challenge* section of the page.