

What is a Barn Quilt?

Barn Quilts have become very popular across the State of Kansas. So big, in fact, that the Stafford County Fair and the Kansas State Fair is basing a contest around them!

Stafford County has always had superior traditional quilters in our county, we thought this would be the perfect way to honor them while tying into our agriculture background too.



So what exactly is a "Barn Quilt"? Contrary to their name, Barn Quilts are not made out of fabric. A barn quilt is a large piece of wood (MDO) that is painted to look like a quilt block.

Even though the name implies that an entire quilt is painted onto the wood, it generally is only a single quilt block. The size of the squares vary, but usually, they measure anywhere from 2 to 8 feet. After they are painted, these blocks are hung on the exterior of a barn, house, garage or other building. ***Our goal is to see how many barn quilts we can inspire for Stafford County!***

The majority of barn quilts are comprised of simple geometric shapes, like squares, rectangles and triangles. This makes them easier to create. They usually are painted in solid colors, though every now and then, you'll come across one that has been painted to look like printed fabric. The simplicity in shape and the vibrancy of solid colors make these blocks easily seen from afar. If they are too complicated, the details can be lost. There are lots of resources online that can help with designing a barn quilt.

Along with the Barn Quilt Contest, special classes relating to barn quilts have also been added this year to Open Class and 4-H Photography, Arts-N-Crafts & Quilting Divisions!





2017 County Fair Contest

BARN QUILTS

Stafford County Fair Barn Quilt Contest Winners will be announced Thursday, July 13th at
 Community Appreciation Night at 6:30 pm
 Cash Prizes Awarded!

STAFFORD COUNTY CHAMPION BARN QUILT WILL BE ENTERED IN THE KANSAS STATE FAIR CONTEST.
 WINNER OF THE KANSAS STATE FAIR CONTEST WILL BE PERMANENTLY DISPLAYED AT THE KANSAS STATE FAIRGROUNDS WITH CREDIT BEING GIVEN TO THE QUILT CREATOR.
 OTHER BARN QUILTS ENTERED AT THE COUNTY LEVEL MAY BE SELECTED FOR PERMANENT DISPLAY AT THE STAFFORD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a 2'x2' square. Display cannot be on point (diamond shaped) - due to space limitations.
- Needs to be prepared for hanging. Participant must supply hooks—one cup hook or “j” hooks, 2” from top edge of quilt. Participant is responsible for using the correct size hooks according to weight of board.
- Must be on 3/8” or 1/2” thick exterior durable material.
- Stafford County Champion barn quilt will automatically be entered into the Kansas State Fair for competition. Champion Barn Quilt will become property of the Kansas State Fair and put on permanent display in the Pride of Kansas Building or another Fair structure with acknowledgement of the creator and year won.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Use MDO (Medium Density Overlay) board.
- Prime board with two coats of primer
- Use latex enamel paint
- Original designs are encouraged. If copied, credit should be given. Lots of examples can be found online!

RULES (in addition to the requirements & recommendations):

- Participants need to fill out an entry form when they enter their quilt block at the county fair. SEE FAIRBOOK.
- Entries must be entered by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12 to the 4-H Building at Stafford County Fairgrounds
- Entries must remain on display until release time on Saturday, July 15.
- For barn quilts not selected to represent Stafford County at the Kansas State Fair, additional classes will be available at the Kansas State Fair in the Agriculture Dept. open to the general public.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

	APPEARANCE	CREATIVITY	CONSTRUCTION	
YOUTH: (18 and younger)	1st—\$75.00	2nd- \$50.00	3rd— 25.00	4th- \$10.00
ADULT:	1st—\$75.00	2nd- \$50.00	3rd— 25.00	4th- \$10.00