

# **Hill Country Quilt Guild 2011 Mini Quilt Challenge Rules**

## **"IT'S ALL ABOUT TEXAS"**

The challenge is open to all members of the Hill Country Quilt Guild.

The Mini Quilt Challenge will not count as one of the 6 quilts allowed for judging or as one of the 9 quilt total entries allowed.

Fabric Requirement: Each participant will receive an identical 8" swatch of fabric, rules of the challenge, and an entry form. This fabric must be a recognizable part of your quilt. Use as many additional fabrics as needed to complete your quilt design. In addition, a star must be used in your block. It can be any size—large or small, one or more, but there needs to be at least one recognizable star. The star can be pieced, appliquéd, painted, stamped, a button, etc. Paint and embellishments are allowed on your quilt.

Method of Construction: Use whatever method you prefer.

Finished Size: Your mini quilt may be any shape, however the perimeter or circumference must not exceed 50 inches. The only requirement for the finishing of your edge is that no batting be exposed. You can use traditional or artist binding, zig-zag, decorative stitches, etc.

Quilting Requirement: Machine or hand quilt your piece; no professional quilting allowed. If you own a longarm, you may use it to quilt your own quilt.

Hanging Sleeve: Sleeve is optional—quilts will be pinned for display. Don't forget your label, but pin a small piece of muslin over your name.

Disposition of Quilt: Indicate on your entry form if you want your quilt returned to you or if it is available for sale. If you are selling your quilt, indicate your price on the entry form. Note that 25% of your sale price goes to the Guild. You may pick up your quilt after the quilt show if it is not sold.

Due Date: Your finished item is due at the April guild meeting, but may be turned in to the challenge chair prior to that time. If you take a kit and later decide not to participate, please return the kit as soon as possible so another member might enter.

Pieces will be judged and then displayed at the May 2011 Quilt Show. Judging criteria will be as follows: visual impact, design, use of color, precision of work, use of challenge fabric, and interpretation of theme. Ribbons will be awarded to the winners.

If you have any questions about the challenge, please contact Julie Seale at 896-1646 or [jseale@windstream.net](mailto:jseale@windstream.net).