

## STITCHING SISTERS QUILT GUILD

### 2026 Patriotic Challenge

“Happy Birthday, America!” is the theme for our challenge project for 2026, as a way to honor our country on its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary this 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

#### General Rules

Members are asked to make a Patriotic themed quilted project, limiting the size to 18 x 22 inches.

You can choose your own fabrics, as long as the predominant colors are red/white/blue and one other color of the member’s choosing.

Embellishments are welcome.

Use either the front or back of your fabrics, but they cannot be altered with dye or paint.

Quilted projects may be any shape, but the finished size should not exceed the area of a fat quarter (about 400 square inches).

Do NOT put a label anywhere on your finished project.

Finished projects will be included in the exhibit at the Stitching Sisters 2026 Quilt Show and will be voted on by ballot by guests coming through our show. At the conclusion of our show, the ballots will be counted and the top three vote getters will be awarded a cash prize.

The completed challenge project should be brought to the quilt show location with your quilt show entries and should be placed in a bag or wrapped in a pillowcase, etc., so no one sees your project. We want this to be a surprise to our Guild members until the meeting following the quilt show, and at that time we will have sew ‘n tell and award the cash prizes.