



PIN DESIGN COMPETITION INFORMATION

Overview

The winning pin design will become the official pin for the 2026 Minnesota Quilt Show, June 11-13, 2026 at the River's Edge Convention Center, St. Cloud MN. This year's show has a theme of reusing and sustainability which may be reflected in the design

All entries must be submitted to Minnesota Quilters exactly as directed in the rules below and become the property of Minnesota Quilters once submitted. Minnesota Quilters retains the right to modify the final design as necessary to produce a pin to our standards and to the manufacturer's specifications.

Prizes

- A choice of one 3 hour class at the Minnesota Quilt Show (subject to availability, excluding class material fees if applicable)
- A free day ticket to the Minnesota Quilt Show
- Minnesota Quilt Show Swag
- Bragging rights!!

Eligibility

Competition is open to: Both Minnesota Quilters members and non-members. Only one pin design entry per person is permitted.

Deadline

Entries must be submitted by midnight on the 31st December 2025, central time. Entries received after the deadline will not be considered. Submit your design electronically to quilter@mnquilt.org

Judging

All entries will be judged by a panel of Minnesota Quilters Staff and board members. Pins will be rated based on full color, use of contrast, how the design represents our show and organization, unique qualities, the potential appeal to members, and overall design.



Rules

- The pin will be produced at a size of 1.5" x 1.5", designs should work at this size. The art does not have to be square as long as it fits within these size limitations.
- Entries must be in PDF format. No freehand or entries will be accepted. Any deviation from these specifications will result in immediate disqualification.
- All entries must be rendered in full color. Keep all designs to a maximum of 4 colors. If more than 4 colors are used, the design will be subject to change. Avoid gradients, etc. Pins can only be printed in solid colors.
- All entries must be submitted with two art versions on a single page. A larger version is approximately 7" wide by 7" tall, and a smaller version is approximately 1.5" wide by 1.5" tall. Both versions should be identical. The Minnesota Quilters logo may be used but must follow the Brand Guidelines (which are available on request).
- All entries must include the following words: 2026 Minnesota Quilt Show.
- All copyright laws must be followed in the creation of the design. The following must be included in your email: name, e-mail address and daytime telephone
- The artist agrees to be featured in publicity materials for the Minnesota Quilt Show, not limited to PR, website and social media.