

HELPFUL HINTS FOR MAKING AWARD WINNING QUILTS

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General Appearance

- Cleanliness
- Quilt hangs flat
- Has visual appeal

Design

- Elements should be in proportion
- Overall Design effective
- Color should complement the design

Construction

- **Piecing**
Sharp points
Straight seams; smooth curves
Uniform size of blocks
Technique is important
- **Appliqué**
Sharp points, smooth curves
Small, even stitches
Decorative stitching should support design
Technique is important
- **Setting**
In edge-to-edge block setting, blocks should meet exactly
Sashing strips should surround all blocks, be straight and appropriate
- **Borders**
Compatible to the quilt
Enhance design of the quilt
- **Binding**
Corners meet at 90-degree angle
Quilt batting should fill binding
Smooth joints
Finishing stitches should be almost invisible
Binding should complement quilt

Quilting

- Quilt lies flat, even stitches, no visible knots, no marking visible
- Design complements quilt, adequate amount of quilting
- Balanced amount of quilting throughout quilt and border(s)

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