



# 2023 Alabama Cotton Quilting Contest

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## WHO MAY ENTER

1. To be eligible to participate in this program, an individual must be an Alabama Farmers Federation (ALFA Farmers) member.
2. County winners may be determined by means of a county show and contest conducted and approved by that county.
3. A county may enter a person representing first place in the state contest.
4. PROFESSIONAL QUILTERS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE. (Those who take orders and sell quilts, work in a quilting business, or sell more than five of their "hobby" made quilts per year)
5. The families of employees of the Alabama Farmers Federation and/or the Alfa Companies will not be eligible for this contest.
6. First place winner in the previous years state contest will not be eligible to enter the year immediately following.

## HOW TO ENTER

1. The state show (Alabama Farm and Land Expo) will be open to individuals who are selected from county shows and contests as a first-place winner. In the event the first-place winner is unable to attend the state show the county may send its second place winner.
2. The individual who constructs the quilt is the contestant. This individual must complete all work and be present at the State Contest.
3. The enclosed entry form may be used for submitting entries to the county and to the state contests.

### **HAND STITCHED QUILTS**

1. Quilts, including lining, must be hand stitched and made from all cotton or cotton blends of at least 50% cotton.
2. Quilts must be 56"-100" width and 84"-104" in length
3. Each quilt will be displayed for everyone to see at the Women's Luncheon during the Annual Farm and Land Expo.
4. The same quilt placing first in the county contest must be the entry for the State Contest

### **MACHINE STITCHED QUILTS**

1. Quilts, including lining, must be machine stitched made from all cotton or cotton blends of at least 50% cotton.
2. Quilts must be 56"-100 in width and 84"-104" in length.
3. Each quilt will be displayed for everyone to see at the Women's Luncheon during Annual Farm and Land Expo.
4. The same quilt placing first in the county contest must be the entry for the State Contest.

### **MACHINE STITCHED QUILTED PILLOW COVERS**

1. Pillow covers should be a minimum size of 18" x 18" and a Maximum of 24" x 24".
2. Pillow covers must be machine stitched made from all cotton or cotton blends of at least 50% cotton. Embellishments do not have to be made from cotton (fringe, ruffles, tassels, buttons, beads, etc.)
3. Pillow covers must have been completed within the last year.
4. Each Pillow cover/ pillow will be displayed at the Women's Luncheon during the Annual Farm and Land Expo.
5. The same pillow cover placing first in the county contest must be the entry for the State Contest.

## **GUIDELINES**

1. Top of quilt may be pieced, appliqued, embroidered, etc. by hand or machine and all fabric must be at least 50% cotton. \*Cotton fabrics are preferred – they present a better appearance and are easier to work with and control when piecing.
2. Batting is quilter's choice. \*All cotton batts are preferred – they are safer and make a smoother quilt. A batting of at least 80% cotton gives a better look and feel to cotton fabrics. It also drapes and hangs better.  
A polyester batting quilts easily, launders well, allows a good puffing design.
3. Lining should be of same type of fabric as top. \*All cotton preferred, as it is easier to work with.
4. Thread – Quilting should follow pattern of top. \*Quilting thread and quilting designs should enhance quilt. Thread should enhance top not lining. Quilting does not necessarily have to follow pieces – it should enhance and add beauty to top.
5. Hem may be bound by machine or hand.

## **Timetable**

1. Entries in the State Quilting must be received from the county no later than **June 10, 2023**.. Any forms received after this date will have 10 points deducted from the total score.
2. Entry forms should be mailed to:

Kim Earwood  
Alabama Farmers Federation  
P.O. Box 11000  
Montgomery, Alabama 36191-0001

## **STATE CONTEST, AWARDS AND JUDGING**

1. The state show will be held at the ALFA Farm and Land Expo August.
2. The winners will receive the following cash awards:

<b>First Prize</b>	<b>\$150</b>
<b>Second Prize</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Third Prize</b>	<b>\$75</b>

**Entry Form**

**Hand Stitched Cotton Quilting Contest**

Fiber Content of material used \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (zip)

PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

DESIGN USED FOR QUILT \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: June 10, 2023**

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**Entry Form**

**Machine Stitched Cotton Quilting Contest**

Fiber content of material used \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (zip)

PHONE( ) \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

DESIGN USED FOR QUILT \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: June 10, 2023**

**Entry Form**  
**Machine Quilted Pillow Cover Contest**

Fiber Content of material used \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

DESIGN used for Pillow Cover \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline: June 10, 2023**