



**Manitowoc County Fair
Sixth Annual Woman's Day Program
Quilt Block Contest
Rules and Regulations**

Theme: The Manitowoc County Fair – Heart of the County
Event Date: Saturday, August 29, 2026
Form Deadline: Postmarked on or before August 3, 2026
Fee: No Entry Fees
Limit: One (1) Block per Entrant
Judging Day: Done prior to Woman's Day Program on August 29, 2026

Entrant Information:

1. Sampler block patterns combine techniques like patchwork, paper piecing, and applique to your block that will engage you in learning new techniques while you have a great time using your fabric stash.
2. The blocks submitted for 2026 contest will be put together and quilted.
3. Only your imagination will hold you back.
4. There is no entry fee.
5. Blocks will be judged 50% on originality and 50% on workmanship and will become the property of the Manitowoc County Fair. No block will be returned and is recommended to take a photo of your block as a keepsake.
6. Blocks will be judged on creativity, best use of fabrics and workmanship.
7. Judge's decisions shall be final.
8. Blocks will be made into quilt(s) to be raffled or displayed at future fairs.
9. Prizes will be awarded to the winners at the end of the Woman's Day Program.
10. Photos of the whole display will be available on the Manitowoc County Fair website after the show.

Rules and Regulations:

1. Anyone of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to enter in the contest.
2. Limit to one (1) block per entrant.
3. Finished sizes for the block is 12"x12". Add a ¼" seam allowance completely around block.
 - a. Acceptance of block to be judged:
 - i. Must measure 12 ½" square from raw edge to raw edge.
 - ii. Must be "straight-set" not "on-point." Submitted blocks should look good in a "straight-set."
4. There is no set background for your block. You can add as many colors as you would like. Designated fair colors are Red, Black and Royal Blue.
5. Use only pre-washed and color fast 100% cotton fabrics.
6. Blocks may be pieced by hand or machine pieced, paper pieced, appliqued with some embroidery or any combination.
 - a. Appliques with fusible web must be sewn on. If stabilizer is used in applique designs, please use light weight.
7. Trim must be able to be laundered.



8. Three dimensional work (padding) is permitted.
9. May use an established pattern or create an original block.
10. Include a "Story about your Quilt Block" which will be shared with your entry.
Example – type of fabric, inspiration for this particular block, and/or the style used to make the block.
11. Machine embroidered pieces (more than 50%) may be entered; however, they will not be judged.
12. Each quilt block must be created by only one person or group.
13. Do no quilt or finish the edges of your block.
14. Judging based on use of fabric, workmanship, and overall appearance.
15. Entries must be postmarked on or before August 3, 2026.
16. Manitowoc County Fair reserves the right to disqualify any entry from judging including damaged, inappropriate, incomplete, or failure to follow rules and regulations.
17. Pick up ribbons and awards during and following the Woman's Day Program.

How to Enter:

1. Mail in completed entry form with your block to:
 - a. Manitowoc County Expo
Woman's Day Program – Quilt Block Contest
PO Box 1011
Manitowoc WI 54221-1011
2. Entries must be postmarked on or before August 3, 2026.
3. Entry forms are available online at fair.manitowoccountywi.gov. If you need a form mailed to you, please email expo@manitowoccountywi.gov or call the Expo Office at 920-683-4378.

Thank you for being a part of the Woman's Day Event Quilt Contest!

Happy Quilting!

