

# North Texas Quilt Festival - July 31, August 1 & 2, 2025

## Junior Division Entry Instructions

### NTQF Junior Show Calendar

**Event Dates** – Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 31, August 1 & 2, 2025

**Event Location** – Irving Convention Center, 500 West Las Colinas Blvd, Irving, TX 75039

**Quilt Entry/Registration (online only)** – Begins February 11, 2025; Ends July 15, 2025

**Registration for Expo Classes and Workshops** – Opens Late-May

**Quilt/Object Check-In/Drop Off** - Sunday, July 27, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm at Irving Convention Center

**Sewing's Next Generation Runway Show** - Saturday, August 2, 2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

**Quilt/Object Pick Up** - Saturday, August 2, 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm

### Entry Requirements

1. All entries, photos and fees must be submitted online at Sewingexpo.com
2. If assistance is needed, please contact info@sewingexpo.com
3. A separate Entry with the non-refundable \$10 Junior Entry Fee is required for each item entered in the show.
4. Each entry must include a color photo of your quilt. A “work-in-progress” photo is acceptable as long as the item is recognizable, although a pattern photo is not.
5. All items entered must have been completed within the last five years (2020-2025).
6. If an entry is withdrawn after July 15 or is not submitted at check-in for the show, the entrant may not be allowed to submit an entry for the next North Texas Quilt Festival.

### General Information

1. Items must remain on display for the entire festival and must be clean, in good condition, free of animal hair and smoke.
2. Items will be accepted in the order registered with total number of entries limited by room available for display. Each entrant may only enter three (3) items.
3. Quilt width must be 96” or less due to site limitations. Quilts wider than 96” **WILL NOT** be accepted.
4. Quilts over 90” in height have special sleeve requirements. Please see the sleeve requirements in the Quilt Preparation section.
5. The Show Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry that it deems inappropriate or that does not meet the requirements.
6. Entrants are responsible for their own insurance on all items. The completed Entry Form releases North Texas Quilt Festival and Original Sewing & Quilt Expo, its officers, agents and volunteers from all liability.
7. Ribbons and Awards will be given at the discretion of the Judges and Show Committee to winning items.

### Quilt Preparation

1. **Sleeve** – Quilts must have an attached, sewn 4” sleeve. Quilts under 24” may have a 2” sewn attached sleeve. The sleeve should be the same width as the quilt, not including the binding. The sleeve should include ½” of ease and be stitched to the quilt on both the top and bottom of the sleeve. Entries without a sewn sleeve will not be accepted. Quilts longer than 90” require the top of the sleeve to be placed 90” from the bottom of the quilt to ensure that the quilt will not touch the floor when hanging.
2. **Festival Quilt Identity Label** – A label should be attached to each item. The label should include: a) the name of the item from the entry form; b) the entrant’s name; c) the entrant’s contact information. This

is a Festival Identity Label; a personal label does not substitute, unless it includes all of the above information. To ensure impartiality in judging, please apply a fabric flap sewn or carefully safety pinned along the top edge of any label with the identification of the maker(s) in order to conceal your personal information.

3. **Fabric Bag** – Each separate entry must be submitted to check-in in a fabric pillowcase or any fabric bag sized to fit your item (no plastic bags). The outside of the fabric bag must be clearly labeled with the entrant's name and phone number in permanent lettering either sewn or in ink.

### **Quilt/Item Check-In/Dropoff: Sunday, July 27, 2025, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm at Irving Convention Center, 500 West Las Colinas Blvd, Irving, TX 75039**

1. Please have items ready for examination at Quilt Check-In for the required Festival Quilt Label and Sleeve.
2. Entries will not be accepted if not in a properly-labeled cloth pillowcase or bag.
3. You will receive a Claim Check for each item submitted.
4. If someone else will be picking up your entry, please inform the Check-In Team.
5. Please contact us for assistance in dropping off your quilts during the drop-off hours.

### **Strut your Stuff**

All Junior contestants are eligible to participate in Sewing's Next Generation Runway Show on Saturday, August 2 at 2:30 pm on the Expo Stage. Everyone who participates will receive a certificate and swag bag. Each participant and accompanying guests will receive FREE admission for Saturday at the Expo. Preregistration is required. <https://www.sewingexpo.com/Sewings-Next-Generation-Dallas-Form>

### **Quilt Pick UP: Saturday, August 2, 2025, 5:45 pm – 7:00 pm At Irving Convention Center, 500 West Las Colinas Blvd, Irving, TX 75039**

1. You Must have a Claim Check for each item you pick up.
2. If you cannot pick up your item(s), please arrange for someone to help you. Unclaimed quilts will receive loving foster care until they are reunited with their owners. An after-show foster care fee will be charged each day of foster care. The fee is \$10.00 per day per item.

### **Junior Division Categories**

NTQF features a Junior Showcase of items created by North Texas youth. There is a limited amount of space to showcase these so they will be limited in number. There may be events held around the North Texas area to offer any assistance to a junior who needs help creating their item.

#### **310. Junior Quilt – Age up to 9**

A quilt of any technique constructed by a person 9 years old or younger. Limited assistance by an adult is acceptable.

#### **311. Junior Quilt – Age 10 to 13**

A quilt of any technique constructed by a person between 10 and 13 years old. Limited assistance by an adult is acceptable.

#### **312. Junior Quilt – Age 14 to 17**

A quilt of any technique constructed by a person between 14 and 17 years old. Limited assistance by an adult is acceptable.

#### **313. Junior Stitched Item – Age up to 9**

An item created by stitching fabric. Examples are Stuffed animals, bags, home décor items, clothing item. Limited assistance by an adult is acceptable.

#### **314. Junior Stitched Item – Age 10 to 13**

An item created by stitching fabric. Examples are Stuffed animals, bags, home décor items, clothing item. Limited assistance by an adult is acceptable.

**315. Junior Stitched Item – Age 14 to 17**

An item created by stitching fabric. Examples are Stuffed animals, bags, home décor items, clothing item. Limited assistance by an adult is acceptable.