

DEFINITIONS

ART Quilt

An art quilt is an original exploration of a concept or idea rather than the handing down of a “pattern”. Work can be “inspired by” something but should not be a copy.

Below are a few guidelines to help elaborate on the above definition. These guidelines will be used by those assessing quilts in the quilt show to help determine the quilts are in the correct division. The quilt must also possess 3 layers stitched together.

- There are 2 parts in an art quilt– art and quilt. (Kathleen Loomis, “Art with a Needle”
- Cheater cloths (panels) are not allowed. Motifs taken from commercial cloths and used as elements would usually be considered part of an art quilt.

- Patterns that are someone else’s pattern that you purchased are not an art quilt.

Replacing your fabric for a sample on the pattern does not make it an art quilt

- Photos that are your own worked into fiber would be original.
- Altered works may or may not be considered an art quilt. For example, if you used someone else’s quilt for a background, this would be using ‘altered’ works. You are not using the original work as an art quilt but are using it as an element in your design.
- It cannot be a copy; it needs to be more than decorating someone else’s design.
- It cannot be a ‘spoof’– such as adding a mustache on the “Mona Lisa” or substituting something for the pitchfork in the American Gothic picture.

Sources: The Art Quilt Association (AQuA), Grand Junction, CO)

Studio Art Quilt Association, Inc (SAQA)

“Art with a Needle”, Kathleen Loomis

WHOLECLOTH

Any size of a whole cloth where the design is created only by the quilting.

Source: National Association of Certified Quilt Judges (nacqj.com)

Panel Quilts

Any pre-printed design that covers the entire piece of fabric that creates an image but is not pieced, The image created can be pictorial, geometric, digital printed, etc.

(approximately 42” X 38” but size can vary). The image covers the entire piece of the fabric. The quiltmaker may add piecing, such as borders. Because the panel is not pieced and is one piece of cloth, it is still considered a Panel. It is NOT considered a WholeCloth Quilt. When entering a panel quilt in a Quilt Show, it should NOT be entered in an Art Quilt category. (See definition of Art Quilts above)

MINIATURE QUILT (Formula)

Desired Size ÷ Original Size X 100 = Percent for printing

Examples:

Original block is 5"

Desired size is 12"

$12 \div 5 \times 100 = \text{print at } 240\%$

Original block is 12"

Desired size is 5"

$5 \div 12 \times 100 = \text{print at } 41.6\%$

Round up or down as needed