

2026 Challenge-due for July's meeting

Lots of questions about our Challenge for the year of "anything but a quilt". I thought putting it in writing might help.

This challenge was meant to allow us to think outside the box about items we create. Think about cute and unique items that you have seen in quilt shops, boutiques, and on social media platforms that would not qualify as a quilt. For those of you that want a definition of a quilt, here is my best attempt. A quilt is made of fabric that is created into a pattern that is large enough that you would use it for comfort on the couch or place it on a bed with the purpose to sleep under.

Some of the questions that I have had about items for this challenge:

- Does it have to be made of fabric?-no
- Can I take something else and add my own touch of creativity to it?-yes
- Can it be a wall hanging, pillow, bag, jacket, ottoman, pin cushion?-yes, yes, yes, yes!
- Is there a limit of how many items I can enter?-no

I thought that this challenge would be a neat way to give our members a chance to showcase more than our quilts. We have an amazing group of talented members and this will be a fun way to share our gifts.

When voting in July, your peers will be looking at the items and not just picking their favorite. Here are some examples of what they may be looking for:

- Which item is most unique?
- I would buy that!
- Nope, definitely not a quilt
- I want to learn how to do that!

I may come up with some other categories, but none to share yet!

If you still have questions about this challenge. Email or text me: lauriejack419@gmail.com or 913-837-6169. I do work during the day, so it would be most likely that you will not get a response during the day.

I cannot wait to see what everyone creates!!!

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