

## Balloon Quilt Design Entries

1. Contest is open to current NMQA members, amateur or professional. Non-members must become a member to enter the contest.
2. Design must be original or an adaptation of a traditional pattern. It must be hot air balloon related.
3. Design must not have been previously depicted in fabric or any other published media.
4. Entrants may enter as many designs as they wish.
5. Design must be for a one sided quilt that is at least 72"x72" but no larger than 80"x96" and may be horizontal or vertical.
6. Design must contain at least 30, but not more than 60 balloons. Those included on the design may or may not be particular balloons, but the general size and placement of all balloons must be shown.
7. Winning designer will pick balloons from release forms on file with NMQA.
8. Design size estimation must be identified.
9. Design must be in color (e.g., pencils, crayons, markers, paints). Designer should submit a detailed description of the designer's concept of the completed quilt and a name of the quilt.
10. Winning entry becomes the property of NMQA and will not be returned. All other entries will become the property of NMQA. NMQA has the right to reject any design.
11. The winner will be awarded \$150.00 and will become the Chair of the NMQA Balloon Construction Committee. Please see the job description at [nmqa.org](http://nmqa.org), job description tab.
12. Entries may be submitted by mail to NMQA Balloon Quilt Design Contest, Attn: Balloon Fiesta Committee, P.O. Box 37133, Albuquerque, NM 87176-7133 or sealed envelope hand delivered to the Balloon Fiesta Committee and must be received no later than the November Membership Meeting. Names, address, telephone number and email address must be included with each design.
13. Judges for the contest will be members of the Balloon Fiesta Committee. Judging will be done in accordance with the following criteria:
  - Innovation/originality of design.
  - Visual impact/overall appearance.
  - Balance of design elements.
  - Use of color.
  - Suitability of Balloon Fiesta theme.
  - Convertibility to fabric product.
14. The winner will be contacted by phone, email and/or mail. An announcement will be made in the Quilters' Quill. Others who submit entries will be notified at the same time as the winner.