



2010 Friendship Star Quilt Guild Challenge theme:

Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend

RULES:

- You may use any fabrics and quilting techniques you choose. There is no specific challenge fabric; however, the quilt **must have a black background** [do we want to specify solid black?]
- There **must be at least ten (10) diamonds** used in the design and construction of your quilt - diamond shapes, diamond rings, heck - even baseball diamonds. Just be sure that anyone looking at your quilt can identify those 10 diamonds.
- Quilt must be square or rectangular, 35"-45" on a side (maximum 180" perimeter), to be included in the AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge. Rectangles may be either landscape or portrait configuration. **These quilts must be turned in on March 1, 2010.**
- Entries must be quilted by hand or machine, or both. Non-quilted items will not be accepted.
- As in past years, eight of our challenge entries will be selected for submission to the American Quilters Society's *Ultimate Guild Challenge*. For your quilt to be eligible for consideration, the following AQS rules must be observed:
 - Quilts must be in excellent condition, having no stains, pet hair, or smoke or other odors.
 - Each quilt must have a 4 inch hanging sleeve or rod pocket that is sewn 1/2 inch from the top edge (see AQS instructions: http://www.americanquilter.com/documents/shows_contests/sleeve_instructions.pdf) and a label containing the quiltmaker's name attached securely on the back.
 - Quilts displayed in a previous AQS contest (Paducah, Nashville, Des Moines) or made from pre-cut or stamped kits are ineligible.
 - Quilts must be a single unit and not framed with wood, metal, glass, etc.

Deadline for turning in your challenge quilts is **March 1, 2010**. Like last year, this is a month earlier than the show turn-in date to allow time to judge and photograph the quilts to meet the April 1, 2010 deadline for submitting the selected eight quilts to the AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge.

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