

UFO CHALLENGE

UFO = UnFinished Object: those “I love that” quilted objects most of us have started that are somehow still in a bag, box or drawer for who knows how long. The UFO Challenge wants to *gently* help you complete 4 UFO projects over the next 11 months.

Turn in your completed entry form and the \$10 entry fee, by check, made out to El Camino Quilters, (goes toward prizes) no later than March 31, 2021. If you are new to the UFO Challenge, you will receive a flower pin to wear to Guild meetings when we meet in person. For each completed project, you will receive a button to add to your flower pin and a chance to win prizes at the end of the Challenge. If you participated in a previous UFO Challenge, you can add buttons to your current flower pin. Please wear your flower pin to every meeting to show off your progress.

RULES:

A quilt can be any size you choose, from wall-hanging to king size, including table toppers, wearable art and other quilted personal articles. An acceptable UFO can even be a project you haven't started yet but have a design and specific stash for ready to go.

You choose 4 UFO projects to complete during the year.

Project #1 must be finished by March 31, 2021 to be entered in the prize drawings at the end of the UFO Challenge year. It can not be changed with any other project listed in #2 through #4. **Hint:** If you have a huge quilt to finish, don't list it as #1 (which must be turned in by March 31, 2021) unless you sew and quilt a lot faster than the rest of us.

The projects you list as #2 through #4 should be planned so that you finish each by the designated date: **July 31, 2021; September 30, 2021; and November 30, 2021.** You can choose to finish them in a different order than you listed on your form. For example, you could decide to finish #4 right after you finish #1.

Amendment November 2015:

You can change the order of your second, third, or fourth quilts as needed, but you must still meet the scheduled deadlines AND you must let us know that your quilt has been changed. (*See COVID Disclaimer)

You may finish a project early and move on to the next one. Bring your completed project to the first meeting after you have finished - you don't have to wait if you finish ahead of schedule. (*See COVID Disclaimer)

Definition of “*finished*”: Quilted by machine or by hand, bound (binding sewn, not basted or pinned), **and finished with a label listing your name and date finished, at a minimum.** Label may be any size. Wall-hangings must have sleeves

When you finish an entered project, *bring* it with you to Guild (you may have someone else do it for you) and *show* it to one of the Challenge committee members.

They will check for a label, make sure the quilting and sewn-on binding are complete, and give you your button for sewing or gluing onto your flower pin. We hope you also show it off during Sharing!

COVID DISCLAIMER:

During the time that we are not meeting in person, pictures of all UFO projects MUST be emailed to Gretchen or Vicki before each deadline date. The photo must show the completed project, including quilting, binding, and label. You are welcome to add your own button to your flower pin or we will keep a record and present you with your buttons when we meet again! All other UFO rules apply including quarterly drawings by Zoom.

A ticket with your name on it will be placed in the prize-drawing bucket each time you bring in a completed project. You may earn up to 4 tickets depending on the number of projects you finish. There will also be an additional drawing for those who complete all 4 projects by the deadlines.

The committee will retain all prize tickets until each quarterly drawing when the prize drawings will be held.

The committee does *NOT* constitute the quilt police. We assume you have done your best work, whatever your experience has been, and we will be excited that you have finished another item. The key word: ***FINISHED!***

Questions?

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Quilts can be checked in by email **by midnight** of the last day of the deadline. You can use just one photo (more if you feel you need them), but make sure that the front shows, the area with the label is folded to show, and of course the binding shows. Please write which quilt is being shown as sometimes the name you wrote on your form may not be obvious from a photo.