

## 2023 KPQG Quilt Challenge “Threads and Treads”

Our 2023 Quilt Challenge will culminate with a collaboration between Konza Prairie Quilters Guild and Midwest Dream Car Collection resulting in a month-long display of quilts at MDCC in September. The theme for this year’s challenge is “Threads and Treads”.

Your creation does not have to be a specific car, truck, or other vehicle (unless that’s what you want), but it must represent a connection to America’s love of automobiles. It might be of a specific vehicle such as a Model T, a ’59 Chevy, or a DeLorean time machine! It might feature just a part of a car such as the hood ornament, steering wheel, or manufacturer’s logo. Maybe, there is a person (Henry Ford, Walter Chrysler, racecar driver Dale Earnhart, celebrities like Sonny & Cher, a place (Route 66, the Lincoln Highway, a gas station or garage from childhood), a movie, TV show, or book featuring a specific car (Back to the Future, Herbie the Love Bug, Bullitt’s’ 68 Mustang fastback, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, the Batmobile) or an event (a vacation in the family station wagon, your first car, getting your driver’s license). Let your imagination go wild!

### Basic Rules of the Challenge:

- **#1 RULE: HAVE FUN!!!**
- **Use your imagination!** Your creation can be traditional or contemporary.
- **Item Selection:** Your challenge must be a small quilt or wall hanging, not a tote bag, or article of clothing.
- **Methods of construction:** You are free to use whatever construction or quilting methods work for your creation (i.e., machine piece, hand piece, paper piece, machine applique, hand applique, machine or hand quilt, etc.). You are encouraged to challenge yourself and be creative.
- **Embellishments:** Embellishments are optional.
- **Finished size:** Your quilt can be any shape but must be between 30” to 36” wide with an outside perimeter/circumference between 110” to 144”. For example, a square that equals 144” perimeter would be 36” x 36”; a circle with a circumference of 113” would have a diameter of 36”.
- **Fabric requirement:** You must include at least one piece of a fat quarter with a vehicle theme. There will be a variety of fat quarters that fit this theme available for you to select from at guild meetings from February through July. A \$3 registration fee will be due at the time you pick out your fat quarter. You must use this fabric on the front of your quilt (not the backing) and in an amount that is sufficient to be recognizable as being from your chosen fat quarter. You can use as many additional fabrics as you like.
- **Hanging Sleeve:** The quilt back must have a 4” hanging sleeve. Your challenge does not have to be square or rectangular, but if you make your challenge in an odd shape, please remember they are to be hung at the MDCC on a free-standing display rack, so make sure it will hang straight and not fold over on itself.
- **Label and Inspiration:** Make sure to put a label with your name on the back of your challenge. On the entry form, write your name, the name of your quilt and a short 2-3 sentence story about what inspired your creation.
- **Due Date:** Finished challenges are due no later than the August 10, 2023, KPQG meeting in order to hung and displayed at Midwest Dream Car Collection from Aug 31-Sept 24. All quilts will be returned to their creators at the October meeting.
- **Awards:** Challenges displayed at MDCC will be judged and receive ribbons at the September 11 meeting. There will be a special viewer’s choice voting throughout September open to anyone visiting the MDCC display with that award presented at the October 10 meeting.

If you have any questions about the challenge please contact Betty Frank or Ronna Robertson. Contact information for both is in the 2023 KPQG handbook.