

Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) 2020 Quilt Block Competition Theme Information Sheet

'Somewhere Between Heaven and Earth lies a Texas Sunset'

sun·set
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noun

1. the time in the evening when the sun disappears or daylight fades.

Across Texas, even the simplest things can be extraordinary. In fact, ever wonder what tough Texas farmers and ranchers have in common with beautiful Texas sunsets? Well, let me tell ya!

Both represent a state of mind that defines Texas Agriculture. Think about it, Texans never met a painted sunset they didn't like, no sir! Both Texans and sunsets represent strong roots, seeded in gratitude, perspective, transformation and the promise for a better tomorrow. Like hard-working Texans, no two sunsets are the same and while a good day appears to fade below the horizon, the promise of a new beginning is all but guaranteed.

In conjunction with this year's Family Land Heritage (FLH) event, which recognizes Texas farmers, ranchers and the land they own, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller is asking quilters from all across the Lone Star State to participate in TDA's **2020 Quilt Block Competition** and submit patterns that depict scenes of **Texas Sunsets**; proving once again that every day in the Lone Star State always ends beautifully.

As in previous years, participating quilters will create patterns from a selection of natural fibers provided by TDA and up to three additional cotton fabrics provided by the participant. Quilters should include one special piece of cotton fabric that personally represents family, history or heritage.

Once all the entries have been collected, a panel of independent, outside judges will select the winning blocks, which will be pieced together into a quilt and unveiled at this year's FLH event in November at the Texas Capitol in Austin, Texas.

So, get your thinking caps on and tap into some Texas pride. Remember, Texas agriculture is a story of innovation and preservation that continues to be written. But if you need some creative, quilting inspiration, below are three words that 'define' every Texan and make the Lone Star State such a wonderful place to call home.

Family:

A group consisting of parents and children living together in a household.

Land:

The part of the earth's surface that is not covered by water, as opposed to the sea or the air.

Heritage:

Valued objects and qualities such as cultural traditions, unspoiled countryside and historic buildings that have been passed down from previous generations.

If your block is selected, you will be embroidered in Texas quilting history. This one-of-a kind piece will be seen, displayed and featured at activities and events throughout the Lone Star State.

Texas Sunsets Are **Sew** Beautiful! ... Ready. Set. Stitch!