2022 Jefferson Co. 4-H Quilt Block Contest
(For the 2023 75th Anniversary 4-H Fair)
Fairgrounds located at 605 Ratz Street, Valley Falls, KS

2022 Quilt Block Contest Rules and Notes:

1. The following will be the classes that are held at the 2022 Jefferson County 4-H Fair.
   *JF. Co. 4-H member, ages 7-13, (as of Jan. 1 of current year)
   *JF. Co. 4-H member, ages 14-18, (as of Jan. 1 of current year)
   *JF. County resident, any age
   *4-H Alumni (can be from any 4-H program in any county/state), any age

   All Jefferson County 4-H members are encouraged to participate and you **DO NOT** need to be enrolled in the Fiber Arts/Clothing/Arts and Crafts project to participate. (This is a non-state fair class.) **ANY** 4-H member can participate. Intent is to have “special block” class at the 2022 fair and blocks will be judged and possible prizes awarded. 4-H youth will receive premium money. All the blocks entered at this class become property of the Jeff. Co. 4-H Council following the 2022 fair.

2. The following requirement must be met: Purchase a block kit, available at Sew Fine Quilting Shop in Valley Falls **OR** at the Meadowlark Extension District Office in Oskaloosa anytime after April 25th. Each block kit will contain (1) 6” x 6” and (2) 10” by 10” pieces of fabric. Cost of each kit will be $4.38. If you would like to round it up to $5.00, the extra money will be used to help offset the cost of making these quilt (s) and/or projects. **Be sure to sign in with contact information regardless of where you purchase your kit. Your information will NOT be shared with anyone other than to contact you, if needed.**

3. Participants can purchase more than one kit, if they need more fabric. Number of kits available will be **limited.** Youth and adults can enter more than one block per class and enter all the classes that they qualify for. (Need to purchase a kit for EACH block entered).

4. Some of each fabric (in the kits) MUST be used in the block you create. Blocks can be pieced, appliqued, and/or embroidered. **NO** embellishments (buttons, lace, anything bulky because it will interfere with the quilting). Other fabrics/colors can be used in the block to finish out your block design. If you need help coming up with a block pattern, help is available if needed. Contact Cindy for more information. If you are unsure about an embellishment, please ask about this, too!
5. Completed blocks **MUST** measure 12 ½ by 12 ½ **square. (NO exceptions on this!)** It should be equal all the way around on the blocks. **DO NOT QUILT** any of the blocks. Fabric must be securely attached to the block with stitching. Fabric may be attached with fusible web, but must be stitched down securely so it will not become loose later. All blocks will be judged.

6. Purchasing a block kit does **NOT** mean you have entered your exhibit at the 2022 Fair. Block need to be entered at the JF. Co. Fair on Monday, July 25 between 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. **OR** Tuesday, July 26, BEFORE 10:00 a.m. Please use a fair entry card and take them to the north end of the main 4-H Building in Valley Falls. Blocks can be entered AHEAD of the fair at the Oskaloosa Extension Office, if participants can’t be at the fair at the above-mentioned entry days or times. Be sure to fill out an entry card so we know whose blocks are who’s! **If you are a 4-H member, enter block in class Fair Entry system by JULY 1, 2022, to receive premium money and/or prizes.** This does not apply to the adults.

7. These blocks will become property of the Jefferson County 4-H Council (after the 2022 fair) and will be used to create a quilt (s) for the 2023 fair. Blocks not selected to be used in the quilt (s) will be used for other projects at the fair. Ex.: Table runners, etc. The quilt committee will decide what to do with the quilt (s) and extra blocks and how they will be used. If quilt (s) are sold, proceeds will be used at the decision of this committee for some kind of fair grounds improvement project/display. This committee will make this decision on behalf of the Jefferson County 4-H Council.

8. Direct your questions/thoughts to Cindy Williams, Meadowlark Extension District Agent at csw@ksu.edu or 785.863.2212. Thank you for participating and helping to support the Jefferson County 4-H program! Let’s have fun sewing blocks to help celebrate the **75th Jefferson County 4-H Fair!!!**