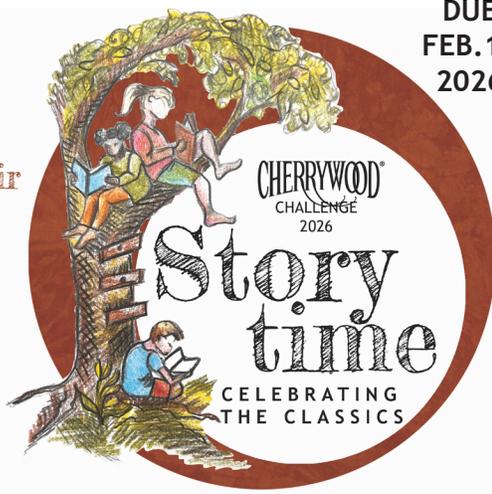


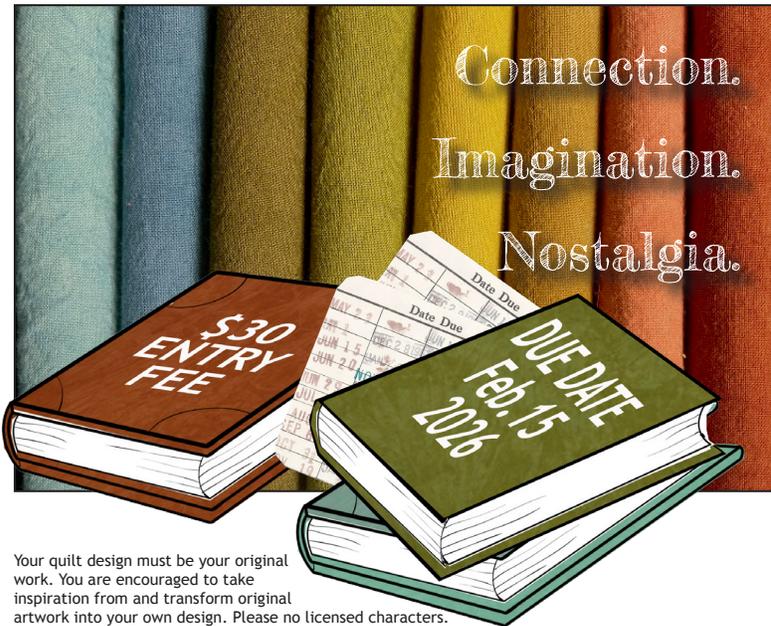
Everybody has stories and illustrations etched into their memories from childhood. That favorite book you read over and over again...



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An annual art quilt challenge by  
Cherrywood Hand Dyed Fabrics

This challenge is about paying tribute to the classic children's books that have been handed down from generation to generation. Use this vintage color palette to create your little story. Inspiration from copyright images must be listed in Artist Statement.



Your quilt design must be your original work. You are encouraged to take inspiration from and transform original artwork into your own design. Please no licensed characters. Attribution to the original artist must be included in the artist's statement. There will be a place on the submission form for this. No quilts using copyrighted or licensed images may be sold. There is no financial remuneration for participation in the Cherrywood Challenge.

If you are concerned about copyright, remember that many beloved children's books are in the public domain, meaning their copyrights have expired. Anything published before 1923 is in the Public Domain.

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## THE CHALLENGE:

Create an original quilted piece with a  
**LIMITED COLOR PALETTE**  
of hand dyed fabric from Cherrywood

## RULES:

### • THEME

The cover of your favorite children's book may be worn and faded, but the feeling you get when you read the words is close to the surface. We challenge you to use those nostalgic feelings to create an original story-time experience. You are encouraged to take inspiration from and *transform* original artwork into your own design. Please no licensed characters. We will select quilts based on originality, creativity, design, impact, workmanship, use of fabric and overall variety of the exhibit.

### • SIZE

Finished measurements must be **20 inches square**. The visual impact of the exhibit is based on continuity, so we require this exact size.

### • COLOR

Your entry must use **ONLY** the eight colors of fabric in the official Challenge Bundle. The **OPTIONAL** pack (Sketchbook) of four neutral colors may be added, but is not required. If you use paint/ink/pencil in your piece, challenge yourself to keep it in the same general color family. Thread may be any color (*see our matching Aurifil floss collection!*).

### • FABRIC

The entire quilt top and binding must be made out of the Cherrywood Challenge Bundle. No other brand of fabric may be used on the front. You may use any backing fabric you like. This challenge is about using your talents to show off the suede texture and color of Cherrywood.

### • TECHNIQUES

Any technique is allowed: hand or machine-quilting, thread painting, embroidery, couching, beading, manipulating, drawing, etc! If you use paint/ink, it should be used sparingly so as not to camouflage the fabric. This is not a painting challenge; we must be able to recognize the Cherrywood fabrics. The piece must maintain character of a textile quilt and consist of a top, a middle batting, and a backing held together with stitching.

### • EMBELLISHMENTS

Embellishments must stay within the 20-inch size. Items must withstand packing, shipping and handling many times. Items allowed: beads, ribbon, buttons, charms, etc. Tulle is allowed as long as it does not drastically change the color of the fabric. NO glitter allowed (comes off and damages other quilts) NO dangling materials (could get caught and tear)

• ONE ENTRY per person. We collect your contact information and the **\$30.00 Entry Fee** at the time of submission.

• Visible binding must be Cherrywood Fabric. Facing the quilt is acceptable. Backing fabric does NOT have to be Cherrywood.

• **DO NOT** add a hanging sleeve. It is not necessary in this case, and actually causes problems in our display system.

• Maximum thickness: 1 inch. Three-dimensional quilts that may be crushed or damaged during travel may be disqualified.

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### Write your name on the back:

- Include address, e-mail or phone number.
- Indicate TOP edge.
- DO NOT add hanging sleeve.

### Take three PHOTOS

- Images must be high-quality, clear, and well-lit.
- Shoot the quilt straight-on, not from an angle that will distort the shape.
- Crop out extra background.
- Image 1: shows entire quilt

Place rulers or measuring tapes next to (not on top of) your quilt to confirm you met the 20"x20" requirement.

- Image 2: close-up details
- Image 3: close-up details

- File type: JPEG or PNG
- File size: each file no larger than 5MB



### Write an Artist Statement

Give a brief overview (3-4 sentences) to explain your interpretation and why you chose this subject matter.

### Pay Entry Fee (\$30.00) and upload photos <https://cherrywoodfabrics.com/pages/storytime-cherrywood-challenge>

### By entering, you agree to the following:

- Quilts will be photographed for use by Cherrywood in marketing and a published book.
- Quilts will be in Cherrywood's possession until at least February 2027. Cherrywood reserves the right to hold longer if needed for more bookings.
- You are responsible for insurance while your entry is in transit to Cherrywood. Quilts will be insured by Cherrywood up to \$200 while in their care, custody and control. When displayed at shows, quilts are insured by the organizer or venue.
- Cherrywood reserves the right to disqualify any entry.
- Cherrywood does not provide written or verbal critique.

## THE JURY PROCESS:

- 1- Digital review: A panel of professional jurors review all the digital entries using a number ranking system. They are looking at use of fabric, principles of design, composition, originality, use of color, overall workmanship, and variety of theme for the entire collection.
- 2- Finalists chosen - 225 quilts based the curator's vision
- 3- Physical review - Finalists send quilts to Cherrywood
- 4- Ribbons awarded - notification by email

No written critique is given in the jury process.



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## FINALISTS:

If your quilt is chosen as a Finalist, Cherrywood will contact you via the e-mail address provided at submission. DO NOT send quilt until you have been given notice. Check spam folders for email from support@cherrywoodfabrics.com Further details will be given at that time for delivering the quilt to Cherrywood.

**PLEASE NOTE:** International entries will be asked to sign a waiver releasing Cherrywood from any risk for packages lost in transit or delayed in Customs.

### • PACKAGING

- Place the quilt in a plastic sealed bag. Suggested: X-Large Big Bag made by Ziploc.
- Place bag inside a flat cardboard package. Suggested: use a cardboard tri-fold presentation board to create a box. Trim to size. Seal all edges with packing tape.
- DO NOT let the inside plastic bag get stuck to the packing tape used to create the box.
- DO NOT use a box that is way too big for the quilt - even if you have packing material to fill the gap, the box often arrives crushed.
- DO NOT use packing peanuts, reinforced tape with strings in it. The harder it is to open, the higher risk of damage.
- If using a tube or box, roll the quilt on a section of a foam swim noodle to prevent wrinkling.



### • DELIVERY METHODS

FedEx is the preferred method. UPS and the United States Postal System are also acceptable. Make SURE you have a tracking number for the package.

Because of the volume of packages received, Cherrywood does not provide receipt confirmation. It is your responsibility to check on the shipping company's website.

## RIBBONS:

The following ribbons will be awarded:

- Juror's Choice
- Honorable Mention
- Staff Choice
- Sponsor's Choice



No ranking ribbons will be awarded. The focus of the challenge is the personal creative challenge of the participants. Instead, we will award several gift baskets full of products from our generous Sponsors. Gift basket recipients will be chosen randomly.

All communication about the Challenge will come via email, so add [support@cherrywoodfabrics.com](mailto:support@cherrywoodfabrics.com) to your contacts list and stay subscribed to our mailing list.

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