

The 2021 JQ Challenge – Bringing It All Together!

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Throughout 2021, an intriguing range of JQ images has appeared in the JQ Facebook albums and in my email inbox. The brief was to make a series of journal quilts on any theme, and of any shape, within two simple size limits. The catch – and the main point of the 2021 Challenge – was that these should then be joined together at the end of the year. That time is now fast approaching, and we are anticipating a record number of completing participants.

To make the most of the creativity and skill being invested in this year's Challenge, we are planning not only to have a dedicated Facebook album for the joined-up 'superquilts' and a detailed newsletter review, but also to include a selection of the final JQs in the CQ Spotlight Gallery at the 2022 Festival of Quilts.

To help us make this happen, if you are taking part in the Challenge, we now need you to bring it all together by taking the following steps:

- **By the end of December, complete the series so you have 12 JQs.**
- **During January, if not before, join them all up! This can be any way you choose – on a backing, or taped or tied or stitched together – as long as they form a single quilt work.**
- If you would like your joined-up JQ to be considered for the Gallery, please ensure that you will be able to attach a hanging mechanism or that it will stand up as a 3D quilt structure.
- If you are putting images of your JQs on Facebook, post a photo of your joined-up JQ in the Joined-Up JQs album (opening in December).
- **By 31 January, to complete the challenge fully (whether or not you have**

posted a photo on Facebook), please email me (address below) with:

- - **A clear, high-resolution photo of your final joined-up JQ.**
- - **Another clear photo of one of the constituent JQs – your favourite or one that you think best encapsulates the spirit of your full JQ submission.**
- - **A short statement, not more than 150 words, giving the title of your piece and explaining your theme or inspiration, main materials and techniques.**
- - **The dimensions of your joined-up JQ in either inches or cm (say which).**
- - **Your full name, as this is not always obvious from an email address.**

We will be using this information and photos to help select the JQs for the Spotlight Gallery, as well as in the newsletter review and the CQ website

coverage of the Challenge, so if you don't want your JQs to be featured in any of these, please say so clearly in your email.

I'm really looking forward to seeing the culmination of this Challenge. If you have any queries, please email me at the address below.

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