

STANDARDS OF QUALITY

TEXTILES: Quilting

1. The piece should be well planned and executed, blending line and colour, and showing a definite relationship between pattern, border and quilting.

Materials

1. Materials must be of good quality, durable, suitable to the function of the quilted piece and able to withstand appropriate cleaning methods.
2. Combinations of fabric should be chosen to be compatible in weight, texture and care requirements.
3. All fabrics should be pre-washed or pre-shrunk.
4. Thread should be of the appropriate type and weight, and must match or enhance fabric colour.

Technique

1. Construction should be smooth, even and secure, without puckers or wrinkles.
2. In piecing, points should be sharp, intersections should meet evenly and be flat, curves should be precise and fabric grain consistent.
3. Appliqué stitching should be smooth and consistent, without visible fabric edges. If stitches are not intended to be part of the design, they should not be visible.
4. Thread ends and fabric edges should not shadow through front fabrics.
5. Filler should be evenly distributed and suitable for the technique used and the function of the piece.
6. Quilting stitches should be uniform, without loose threads or thread build-ups. Knots should be firmly anchored in batting.
7. Binding fabric must be compatible with the fabric of the piece and be uniformly filled. It must be securely and inconspicuously applied. Bias bindings must be true bias, square corners must be 90° and stitching should be inconspicuous unless it is used as a design element.
8. Lines for quilting designs must be completely removed.

9. Work that is quilted by machine must be clearly labelled "Machine Quilted".

* Quilters should note that standards for sewing and garment construction may also be pertinent and should be consulted.

* Fibre content labelling for textiles is subject to Industry Canada regulation. Garments must carry correct labelling noting fibre content and maker identity. In addition, the Craft Council recommends that instructions for use and care accompany each article.

Fibre content

* A minimum of 75% of work to be sold at Craft Council sponsored events, in either content or volume, must be of natural fibres.

* Exceptions to the fibre content ruling may be made in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Standards Committee. Specific application must be made for such exceptions and each case will be judged individually. Generally, such circumstances occur in the suitability of the fibre/fabric to the function of the article, or in the innovative use of new and exciting materials. Craftspeople wishing to have the Standards Committee consider a request for an exception should state the reasons for their request in writing with their submission of samples.

* Mixtures of fibres should be compatible for care and durability.

* Wrappers, labels or a written statement of fibre content must accompany all samples submitted.