

## Quilling Guild Online Competition Rules and Guidelines for our 'A Card for a Special Birthday' Competition, Spring 2023

Please ensure that you check the rules and guidelines for each competition very carefully, before entering. Ask if unsure.

**Can anyone enter?** - The competition is open to all members of the Quilling Guild, both Full and Online, who have, or can access, an email address. **NB:** You can join The Quilling Guild at <https://membermojo.co.uk/quillingguild>.

**Does this competition have a title?** - Yes. The challenge for this competition is 'A Card for a Special Birthday'.

A birthday is an occasion to celebrate but certain ones are more special, like a baby's first birthday, an 18<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, reaching retirement age, or even a 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Quill a birthday card for any special age which is a milestone in our life. Your quilling should be a standard birthday card size, a rectangle, all the sides adding up to be *no larger than 72cm (28½")*. The card should be plain white or of a single colour and must not exceed the dimensions above.

For this Birthday Card challenge, you must use only those traditional quilling techniques which have an asterisk in the Quilling Guild Techniques List, which can be seen at [www.quilling-guild.co.uk](http://www.quilling-guild.co.uk). (Click on 'Quilling Techniques and Terminology'). To be successful, it's important to note what the judges are looking for, below.

**How long do I have to complete this challenge?** - Entries must have been received by us on or before 1st April, 2023.

**How do I enter?** - When you have completed your work, you will need to take photographs of it, which must include:- one photo showing the *whole quilling*, at least one taken from a *different angle*, and one which must show *you, the quiller, holding your work*. Phone or camera images must be set to large image, maximum detail, and saved as JPG files. The photos must be of good enough quality that the judges can closely observe your work - you may be asked to supply new images if necessary.

When you email your entry, please list in the email your name and the title of the competition. Your name and your personal photo will not be seen by the judges. Attach the images and your quilling notes, if you have them, to the email.

**Do I need to send anything else?** - If you wish to, you may send your **Quilling Notes** (without your name) of no more than 100 words, describing your piece, your inspiration, how you made it, etc. This should be on Word, or a text file which can be read in Word (e.g. .RTF or .ODT), or as an image or PDF. For this challenge, the artist's statement is optional.

**Where should I send my images?** - Please email your files to: [ggonlinecomp@yahoo.com](mailto:ggonlinecomp@yahoo.com), which is also where you can ask any questions.

**How will I know if I've been successful?** - We have a rigorous judging system, involving mainly Fellows of the Quilling Guild. The results will be announced on social media by mid-April 2023.

**NB:** In order to preserve your anonymity, you should not post any images of your work on any social media until after results are announced. After judging, we may post selected images in Quilling Guild publications such as Quillers Today and on social media. **If you do not wish an image of yourself to be posted in the Guild's publications or on social media, please inform us when sending your work.**

**What will the judges like?**

**Originality** - The piece must be entirely your own work, made from your own design. You will find a copy of the *Copyright Guidelines for Crafters and Hobbyists* (as produced by Ginger Davies Allman of [www.TheBlueBottleTree.com](http://www.TheBlueBottleTree.com)) on the Quilling Guild website <http://quilling-guild.weebly.com/copyright-guidelines.html>. **NB:** The Quilling Guild reserves the right to disqualify and remove awards at any time, if your work proves not to be original.

**Materials** - Your quilling must be made entirely of paper/card strips and glue; the mount as described above.

**Appropriate Techniques** - Check the details of the challenge and choose techniques that best suit your design and show off your quilling skills.

**Imagination/Design/Colour** - A clever and inspired piece will gain points; how you manage to depict your interesting idea and achieve a pleasing effect.

**Expertise** - Quilling techniques and their variations, as seen on the Quilling Guild's Terminology Sheet, as well as your own techniques, when allowed in the challenge, carefully chosen to be appropriate for your design. The Terminology Sheet page can be found at [www.quilling-guild.co.uk](http://www.quilling-guild.co.uk). We recommend watching the Guild's YouTube video tutorials to see how best to impress.

**Accuracy** - Careful, clean work is a must. Any glue marks can shine when you photograph with a flash.

We very much look forward to seeing your work. Good luck!