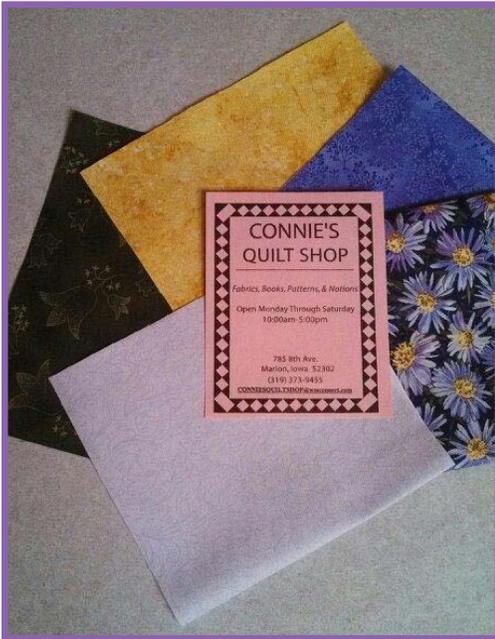


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## 2014 Quilt Block Challenge



We are ready to get "Back in the Saddle" with the 2014 Linn County Fair Quilt Block Challenge contest. Connie's Quilt Shop will be supplying the kits that will include colors from this year's fair logo. Fifty quilt blocks are available for purchase. **Contestants must use all the fabrics** with one of those designated as the focus fabric for their block. Kits are currently available.

Kris Blackford, chairman of the Quilt Block Challenge, describes the process they go through every year to determine what fabric they are going to use for this year's challenge. "We first decide if we are going to try and carry out the fair color theme for that year, sometimes we can and sometimes it's not possible. We make the trip to Connie's Quilt Shop and first look for a focus fabric. Then from there we look for coordinating colors to go with that focus fabric and what we're going to use for a border, sashing, setting stones, picture framing, etc. we do this with Connie's help."



CONNIE'S QUILT SHOP



Blocks will be display at the 2014 Linn County Fair June 25th - 30th. The blocks will be judged for the Viewer's Choice that will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Connie's Quilt Shop. Later the blocks will be made into a quilt to be raffled off at the following year's fair. All proceeds will go towards improvements of The Linn County Fair.

### Rules:

Contestants must use all the fabrics.(delete the rest of sentence). Exhibitor must use all the fabrics included in the kit.do not add fabrics. Do not quilt block. Appliqueing is allowed this year

Exhibitor may use an established pattern or create an original block, (the block size must be 9 ½" by 9 ½")  
Blocks entered become property of The Linn County Fair Association. Blocks to be made into a quilt and raffled off the following year with the proceeds going for improvements of The Linn County Fair. Extra blocks received may be made into a small wall hanging, shams or pillows.

A \$25 gift certificate to Connie's Quilt Shop will be awarded for Viewers Choice.

You may pick up your kits at Connie's Quilt Shop or by emailing Kris Blackford at [blackfords@thelinncountyfair.com](mailto:blackfords@thelinncountyfair.com) or call Jean Dunn at [319-377-6079](tel:319-377-6079). The finished block must be dropped off or mailed no later than Monday, May 7, 2012.

Stay tuned for your opportunity to purchase a raffle ticket for your chance win the 2013 Quilt Block Challenge finished quilt. Drawing will be held on Sunday, June 29, 2014 at The Linn County Fair, need not to be present to win. Raffle tickets will be for sale for \$1 per ticket.