

Pioneer Valley Quilt Guild
2019 Challenge: “Good Night, Quilt”

This year’s Pioneer Valley Quilt Guild challenge contains **two challenge variations**. You may **pick one or both** challenges to participate in, however **if you choose to participate in both, you MUST make 2 separate entries** (you’ll see why below!).

The Inspiration: Quilts, in their simplest form, hold a very practical purpose -- to keep people warm and comfortable. One of the most rewarding moments of a quilt’s completion comes from knowing it is tucking in a loved one (or yourself!) at night. With this in mind, our 2019 Challenge: “Good Night, Quilt” focuses on two variations of “Nighttime.”

GENERAL CHALLENGE RULES:

- **SIZE:** A rectangle, at least 24” on the shorter side
- **THEME:** Recognizably **“Nighttime”-inspired**
- **COLOR REQUIREMENTS:**
 - **MAJORITY (more than half):**
 - Medium-to-Dark Blues,
 - Medium-to-Dark Purples,
 - Medium-to-Dark Grays,
 - and/or Black
 - **ACCENT (less than half):**
 - Any Light Colors,
 - and/or White
- **ELIGIBILITY:**
 - Quilt Tops count! Entries are not required to be quilted and bound (though that is of course welcome!)
 - Must follow these General Challenge Rules **PLUS** the Variation Rules

VARIATION RULES - THE TWO CHALLENGES (Pick one or both - each must be its own quilt):

1. **“A Night Without Stars” (please see other side for Variation 2):**
 - GENERAL CHALLENGE RULES APPLY
 - **METHOD: No “Star Blocks” or “Pieced Stars” allowed**
 - i. You may not use any recognizable star block, traditional or modern.
 - ii. “Non-Star-Block” Stars are allowed, but **not required**. You are welcome to add these stars via:
 - Prints
 - Abstract shapes (like squares or circles)
 - Stitching
 - Fabric paint or markers
 - Applique
 - Embellishments (buttons, beads, ribbon, glitter, etc.)
 - **WINNING: Voting**
 - i. The winning quilt is decided by vote during the guild meeting

ii. This winner has the 1st pick of the prizes.

2. “A Night With Many Stars”:

- GENERAL CHALLENGE RULES APPLY
- METHOD: **Star Blocks / Pieced Stars are extremely encouraged!**
 - i. In fact, you win by having THE MOST out of all entries.
 - ii. This includes any recognizable star block or pieced star, traditional or modern.
 - iii. “Non-star-block” stars and other blocks are allowed, but **do not impact your final score**. These include:
 - Prints
 - Abstract shapes (like squares or circles)
 - Stitching
 - Fabric paint or markers
 - Applique
 - Embellishments (buttons, beads, ribbon, glitter, etc.)
- WINNING: **Counting**
 - i. The winning quilt has the highest count of star blocks (no voting, counting only).
 - ii. This winner has the 2nd pick of the prizes.

“GOOD NIGHT, QUILT” CHALLENGE CHECKLIST:

Rule	Requirement	Check Entry:
GENERAL		(Circle “YES” or “NO”)
● Shape	Rectangle	YES or NO
● Size	Smallest side is 24” or more	YES or NO
● Theme	“Nighttime”-inspired	YES or NO
● Colors	Majority Medium-to-Dark cool colors and/or Black	YES or NO
● Colors	Minority Lights and/or White	YES or NO
● Completion	At least a Quilt Top	YES or NO
Variation 1: “A NIGHT WITHOUT STARS”		
● Method	ZERO Pieced Stars / Star Blocks	YES or NO
Variation 2: “A NIGHT WITH MANY STARS”		
● Method	2 or More Pieced Stars / Star Blocks	YES or NO