

**Victoria Quilters' Guild**  
**City of Gardens Quilt Show and Sale, August 23 – 25, 2024**

**2024 Challenge**

In keeping with the inspiration for our recent Challenges, this year's is inspired by the gemstone of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary – Jasper. Jasper is an opaque crystal that symbolizes tranquility, wisdom and healing and also represents the stability and comfort of a relationship that has thrived for over four decades. Jasper derives its name from the Greek word for 'spotted stone.' The original materials are often fractured or distorted into diverse patterns which are later filled in with other colourful minerals which create intensely coloured diffusion. Sounds like a quilt to us.

What we challenge you to do is use this fabric to interpret an idiom of your choice.

An idiom is a phrase or group of words that is not meant to be taken literally.

The phrase "kill two birds with one stone" is an example of an idiom. Fluent English speakers understand that this does not refer to harming birds or using stones, but rather that someone is completing two tasks at once. Some other examples are: "raining cats and dogs"; "a piece of cake"; and "kicked the bucket."

**2024 Challenge Rules – Guild Members Only**      Fabric packets are \$5. Quantities are limited.

Challenge fabric must be used on the **front** and not just as the border. Quilt may be pieced by hand or machine. Applique may be sewn by hand or machine. You may use fusible web, glue stick or interfacing. Embellishments such as hand embroidery, ribbons, buttons and decorative stitches are welcome. Please, no machine embroidered blocks.

The Challenge quilt must contain top, batting and backing. The quilt must be finished with bindings, facings or enveloped pillowcase style and must measure 13" by 13" within 1/2" tolerance.

The Challenge quilt must have a **fabric** label sewn to the quilt back and the idiom written or printed on the label, along with the owner's name and the year. There must be a 2" hanging sleeve.

Judging will be by Viewers' Choice and prizes will be awarded for first and second place.

All Challenge entries must be submitted to the Challenge Committee in a **paper** bag. You will receive a numbered receipt for your quilt. Challenge quilts will be returned at the close of the quilt show.

Challenge quilts may be turned into the Committee at each Guild meeting and Stitch Day until June. Final deadline for submission is the end of the Guild meeting, Wednesday, July 17.

Your Challenge Committee – Sharon White and Lisa Gordon