

Stitched Apart, Sewn Together:
A Southern Jewish Community Quilt
A project of the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience

Quilt Square Submission Guidelines

Technical Requirements

Center Square: One 6.5” machine-stitched center square is the main focus of your submission. The center square can be pieced, crazy quilted, solid with embroidery, applique, thread painting, etc. Embellishments can be added freely to your center square, such as applique, embroidery, buttons, ribbon, lace, decorative stitching, or other options.

Design: The design of your center block is up to you! You may choose any options that reflect the Southern Jewish heritage of your community and your creativity.

Border Strips (to surround your completed center square): Cut four 7.5” x 1.75” rectangular strips of the same *blue* quilting cotton, and stitch to your center square. It is fine to cut the border strips a bit larger and trim once abutting strips are sewn to center square.

Using a ¼” seam allowance, add the 4 borders, as in the sample image below. (It is important to stop sewing ¼” before the edge when attaching the borders. This will allow the next strip to be attached with the seam for strip one completed after the new strip is sewn on. Continue doing that around the block until all strips are attached.)

Reminder: please put right sides together when attaching the borders.

Size: The final size of your piece, complete with the borders, will be 9”. (The center square will measure 6” once the borders are attached.)

Edges: After sewing on the 4 border strips, as seen in the sample image, leave the outer border edges raw, as we will be squaring your block and attaching it to all other submissions. The assembled quilt top will be combined with batting and backing, bound, and quilted.

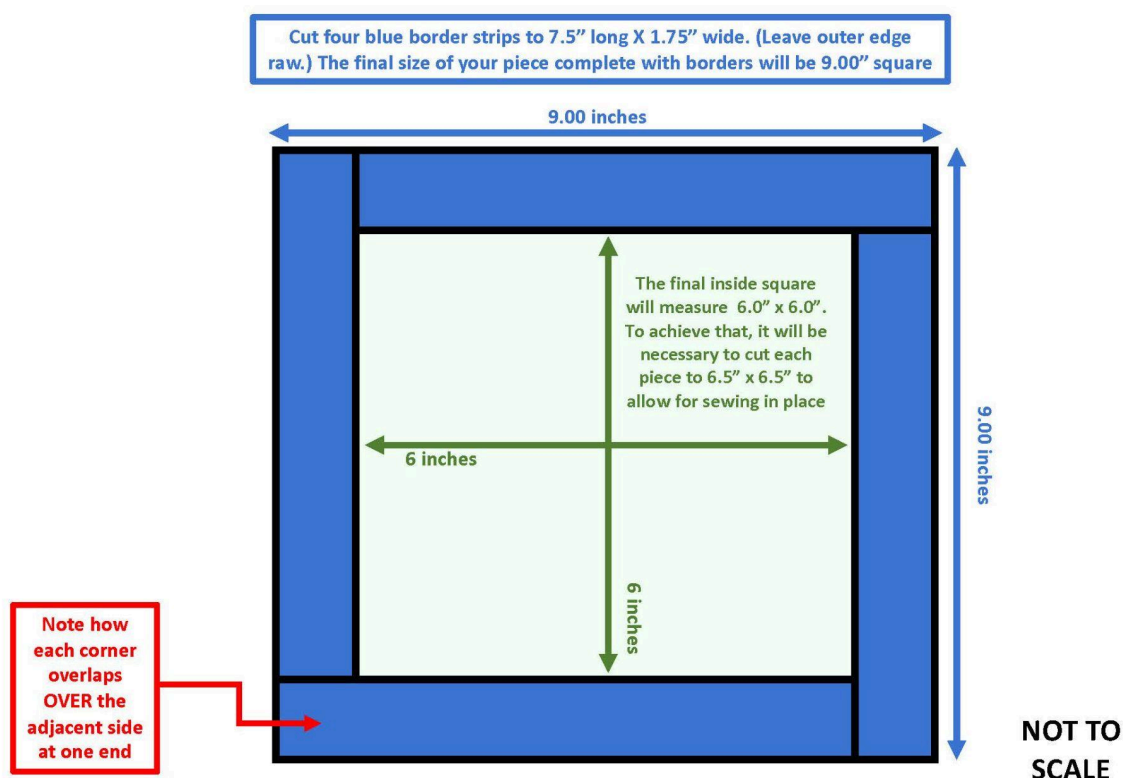
Fabric Type: All fabric should be quilting cotton, except for the embellishments in the center square.

Colors: The center square may use any color(s) of your choosing. All 4 border strips should be cut from the same medium or dark blue color.

Seam Size: All seams should be $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

Stitch Size: Piecing stitches should be 2.0mm or 2.5mm straight stitched.

Stitch Style: Please use straight stitching to attach your borders to the center square.



Submitting Your Square

Deadline: Your block must be received at the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience no later than **October 15, 2024**.

Guidelines: Each square must be accompanied by a **donation form** and a **submission slip**.

Donation Form: All square submissions *must be accompanied by a donation form* that releases the quilt square to the MSJE to be used as it sees fit. In the form, you must provide a detailed description of your quilt square, explain its connections to the southern Jewish community, explain any relevant motifs/stories/etc. represented by the square, and provide a photo of the square.

You may [click here](#) to submit the donation form **online** before mailing your square
OR

You may [print the form](#) to fill out **manually** and include with your mailed-in square.

IMPORTANT! **We cannot accept square donations without a donation form.**

Submission Slip: Please print out the submission slip below with your name, email address and phone number and include it with your mailed-in square.

Mailing Address: Send all completed squares with submission slip to:

**Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience
818 Howard Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70113**

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Square Submission Slip

Quilter Name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____