

The NBQA uses judges certified by the **National Quilting Association**. Points toward ribbons are awarded in 3 areas as follows:

1. **Overall impact** = 15 points maximum.
2. **Design** = 40 points maximum
 - use of pattern and design (max of 20 points)
 - effectiveness of color in overall design (max of 10 points)
 - suitability of quilting design (max of 5 points)
 - border treatment (max of 5 points)
3. **Workmanship** = 45 points maximum
 - precision of workmanship (max of 25 points)
 - quality of quilting and/or needlework (max of 15 points)
 - binding and edges (max of 5 points)

Ribbons were awarded according to % of *possible* points. e.g. if the quilt not have borders but had all other elements, the total possible points would be 95 points. If that quilt scored perfectly in all elements present, that quilt would receive 95 points out of 95 possible points for a score of 100%.

- Purple = 98 – 100%
- Blue = 94 – 97%
- Red = 90 – 93%
- Yellow = 85 – 89%

In addition to the above ribbons, some quilts received additional, special judge's awards for excellence in a particular area.