

# GEORGIA CELEBRATES QUILTS - 2026

## Block Party Entrants Share Their Stories

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Student stories are arranged by grade level. Look for the ID tag on the lower right corner of the block.

Stories appear in the students' own words, with minimal editing.

Enjoy reading about their inspiration and thoughts on making quilt blocks!

ID	Maker Name	Grade	Block Name	Story
K-1	Thaine Anderson	K	Lego T	My name starts with the letter, "T". I like Legos. I made this block with my grandparents. My favorite part of making this block was winding the bobbin.
K-2	Meb Holloway	K	Tractors on the Farm	I bought these fabric scraps at our local fabric sale for a dollar. The pieces with embroidered farm figures were salvaged from a curtain someone cut apart and put in the scrap bin, also. I live on a farm and love tractors, so I knew this fabric was for me! My mom and I took two days to complete this block. It was my very first quilt block and I learned to iron, use a rotary cutter, place fabric pieces together and press the foot pedal on the sewing machine.
K-3	Nathan Deppert	K	Orange Confetti Monster	I made my block with my neighbor, Ms. Lucie. She had a bunch of fabrics that I could choose from and I picked one that looked like confetti because I wanted it to look like a party. I also picked orange fabric because it looks so cool with the confetti colors. Ms. Lucie helped me cut the fabric and I sewed it together with her sewing machine. I named it <i>Orange Confetti Monster</i> because I wanted the name to be funny for kids and cool for grown-ups! It took us about 10 minutes to make it, and I learned that it is hard-people who make big ones put a lot of work into it.
K-4	Grace Dial	K	Grace's Block	Grace is 6 years old and in Kindergarten. She has a well rooted love of quilting from her Nana and the many quilts and wall hangings given to her by her Nana over the years. This block was sewn by Grace, as she is just learning to piece and choose her own fabric from her Nana's stash in order to learn the domestic machine and 1/4 inch seam. We had such fun together!
K-5	Sierra Vickness	K	The Star Block	I saw the blue fabric with stars and it made my eyes shine. I learned to sew a straight seam. My block is cool.
1-1	Louis Cregeur	1 <sup>st</sup>	Orange & Purple	I chose the fabric because I like bright colors. I first drew the design on paper before starting to sew. My mom helped me sew the pieces together while I controlled the foot pedal. I like sewing and want to be better than my mom!

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2-1	Eden Hunt	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pink Windmills	I picked this pattern because it was most exciting and I chose the fabric because I like flowers and getting presents and polka dots are fun and exciting. I had so much fun making this quilt with my sister and Aunt Jill.
2-2	Audrey Breedlove	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Violet Blooms	This was my first block! I used my own scraps that I've been collecting from the Quilt Museum in my town. I picked pink and purple because they are my favorite colors. I love flowers so I picked those, too. It didn't take long to make. I want to make more blocks with other colors so I can make a rainbow quilt.
2-3	Claudia Addington-Lugo	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fruit Rainbow	I picked the fabrics because I liked the colors and they looked nice together. I helped pick the size of the squares (4-1/2" and 2-1/2"). Then, I arranged them randomly making sure not to have the same fabrics next to each other. My mom and I pinned them and then sewed them together with a sewing machine.
2-4	Shepard Daigle	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Super S	I built this block with my grandmother to learn how to quilt. I used a Featherweight sewing machine to quilt. It took me about two hours.
2-5	Amelia Hunt	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amelia's Garden Square	I learned how to make the seams "kiss" - that helped make quilt square that I made for you. I did not need a lot of help doing my quilt square. I could sit down and reach the pedal without any help. I learned how to use a leader now to start and stop the sewing machine. I know how to thread a needle and press down the foot to sew.
2-6	Colette Schmeltzer	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tiger in the Woods	I did this block because tigers are my favorite animal. I really liked sewing the trees because I had to pay attention to stay on the edge. I didn't like doing the leaves as much because they were just straight lines, so I got bored. I really enjoyed making this block.

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3-1	Conley Anderson	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Springtime	Springtime is the second block I've done for this quilt show. My first was just a lot of fabric scraps, this one is more complex. This block started when my grandma asked if I wanted to do a block for the Block Party exhibit. I said yes and she asked what block design I wanted to do. I first wanted to do a butterfly but then I changed my mind and did three flowers each with a stem and a few leaves. Also, a butterfly my grandpa taught me how to make. Every piece of this block is fusible applique with top stitching. I'm very proud of this block and I would love to share the beauty of it with you!
3-2	Zoey Vickness	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Puppy Party	I was at my grandma and grandpa's house for a sleepover when my grandma told me about it. When it was time to pick out fabric, first I saw two pieces that I used to make a dog bed for a stuffed animal then I saw a piece that is in a pillowcase that my grandma made. Then I started sewing. I learned how to iron my seams and to make half square triangle blocks.
3-3	Isla Kennedy	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tweet!	This is a baby bluebird. This is the usual shape of my bird drawings. I like the combination of yellow and blue. I think the triangle for the eye looks happy. There are three leaves because odd numbers look better than even numbers. Grandma helped me with the sewing machine and explained color and value contrast.
4-1	Sabel Breedlove	4 <sup>th</sup>	Rainbow Beauty	I really like horses and my favorite colors are blue, teal and aqua. I chose these colors for my horse and outlined it with a teal embroidery thread. I got the name from the movie and book <i>Black Beauty</i> but changed it to Rainbow Beauty because it was all kinds of colors.
4-2	Kinsley Rose Lampert	4 <sup>th</sup>	Tiger Eye	It took me two months to complete my block. I learned to take my time sewing. Making the block was like putting a puzzle together.
4-3	Lily Jones	4 <sup>th</sup>	Bluey	The reason I picked blue is because I think my grandfather's favorite color was blue. It was a joy to work on my block with my friends. For my second time sewing, I think I got better.
4-4	Caleb Molway	4 <sup>th</sup>	Log Cabin Variation	I made my block in the same colors as the quilt my grandma and I made. They are my favorite colors. My grandma will take the block and make it into a pillow to match my quilt after the quilt show.

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4-5	Elsie Holloway	4 <sup>th</sup>	Feeding the Ducks	My inspiration was seeing blocks of little Dutch girls in a quilt book. I love any Dutch girl patterns because they are so cute, girly and vintage looking. I chose this pattern because I have ducks and feed them every day just like the girl here. I've never done appliqué, so this was a challenging first! My mom really helped me. I added some hand-embroidered details with a few springs of grass and seeds. It took me three days to finish.
4-6	Gabriela Utz	4 <sup>th</sup>	I'm the Champion	The reason I chose my block is that I always win when I play Connect Four. I even beat adults. My block was pretty hard because I had to do it all by myself. I designed it myself, too. This was a hard, but fun block to do.
4-7	Lillian Daigle	4 <sup>th</sup>	Bananas!	I chose a banana quilt because I like the Savannah Bananas. I chose pink and teal because they are my favorite colors. I made it with my grandmother on a Featherweight machine. It took me 4 - 5 hours to make my block using traditional machine piecing.
5-1	Finley Hunt	5 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Quilt	The story behind my quilt is that one day I was making a quilt with my aunt and sister, Eden. I picked pretty, pastel colors because I was excited for spring. I had so much fun making this spring quilt.
5-2	Caleb Ward	5 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve	I wanted to make this block because I like Christmas. I sewed the squares with a machine. I sewed the buttons by hand.
5-3	Henry Winslow	5 <sup>th</sup>	The Tri-Quilt	I love the <i>Legend of Zelda</i> video games, so I decided to design my quilt block after them and used the triforce. It took a long time, and a bit of seam ripping, but it feels great to see it finished. I learned you have to be very sure before you sew something.
5-4	Kinsley Wilkes	5 <sup>th</sup>	Chaos in Color	I picked my block because it looked fun, bright, and really colorful. The teal and purple stood out to me, especially because these are my mom's favorite colors, so it made me think of her working on it. While making the block, I learned that it's really important to pin everything and take your time. If you rush and make a mistake it is actually going to take longer to fix it than to just do it carefully the first time. This project helped me practice being patient and paying attention to details.

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5-5	Sadie Hunt	5 <sup>th</sup>	Queen of Hearts	I decided to do hearts when I saw a quilt with hearts on it at the last quilt show. My Nana showed me how to properly measure the fabric and now I can do it by myself. I know how to iron everything correctly. I learned how to thread the needle. Also, I know how to sew each row together and sew each square together. My Nana taught me so much while I made my square.
6-1	Presleigh Lampert	6 <sup>th</sup>	Yellow Brick Road	I learned by making this block that I need to be patient while pressing and sewing. This block took me about one day to make. The technique I used was a slower speed on my sewing machine. Also, I had to pin the fabric to keep the seam allowance consistent. My inspiration was to spend time and learn from my Mops.
6-2	Camila Maxwell	6 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Freedom	I made my quilt block with the help of my sewing teacher, Mrs. Joan. I was sewing like usual one day at the sewing ministry of Mission Church Roswell Street, when Mrs. Joan asked me if I wanted to make a quilt square and I said yes. She taught me how to measure and where to join the fabric together. It was a lot easier to make than I thought. What I love most about sewing is picking out the really cute fabric and getting to make really cute things like a bag and a quilt block. That is the story of this piece.
6-3	Charlotte Revilla	6 <sup>th</sup>	Gerald	I've been sewing with Mrs. Kent for five years and this is my third time making a quilt block for the student exhibit. I really enjoyed making <i>Gerald</i> and am looking forward to turning him into a pillow.
6-4	Mabry Holloway	6 <sup>th</sup>	Old Country Church	My inspiration was an idea in a quilt block book. I chose this pattern because it looks a lot like the little country church we attend, and I thought it would challenge me. The hardest part was creating the template pieces from scratch and cutting out all the fabric. I used some hand embroidery for the windowpanes and the doorknob. It took me 5 days to make this block.
7-1	Brooke West	7 <sup>th</sup>	O Say Can You See	The story of my block is that it is a salute to the 250 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of America. I also like the national pride. I used the bald eagle as the focal point and then used coordinating fabrics to make it pop.

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7-2	Angela Lette	7 <sup>th</sup>	Bob	I chose this block because I like making half square triangles. I also picked colors that are beautiful and have different patterns in them. One thing I enjoy is challenging myself by using blocks with different shapes and designs. It is fun to put all the pieces together and see how the block turns out in the end. I chose the color blue for the background color. I think blue makes the other patterns stand out even more. Making this block helped me be creative and try something new.
7-3	Zara Hobbs	7 <sup>th</sup>	Aboriginal Print	I am half Australian and we have a lot of Aboriginal art in our house, so we decided to take inspiration from our paintings and make them into a block.
8-1	Kyndal Dukes	8 <sup>th</sup>	April Winds	My grandmother introduced me to sewing. I have participated in a 4-H sewing day and I have attended 2 sewing camps. My amazing sewing teacher, Mrs. Teresa Kent, has taught me so much. We have created so many projects together and she has taught me a lot about my machine. Thank you Mrs. Teresa for being such a great teacher!
9-1	Angie Gutierrez-Rejon	9 <sup>th</sup>	Stary Flower	I started to sew on my own with fixing my pants. I joined the club to learn more about sewing techniques to get better at sewing because I want to join the fashion class available at my school. Sewing is one of my hobbies that I enjoy the most. I'm glad I took this class so that I could get better and learn something new every week.
10-1	Lucy Amevo	10 <sup>th</sup>	Turbulent Tides	On my block, there is a series of reds, blues and some whites. The symbolism of the color red is love, power and danger. The blue color reminds me of the waves. The color white symbolizes purity and innocence. I wanted my block to show the welcoming and fun sides of the ocean while revealing the danger that comes with it due to pollution. On the block there are four white pieces of fabric. This is because of the ocean's desire to stay pure, despite all of the unwanted impacts it has experienced. I ultimately wanted to show the different sides of the ocean in its entirety.

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12-1	Denise Gutierrez-Rejon	12 <sup>th</sup>	Sky Full of Stars	I joined the sewing class at first for hours and to learn something useful during my last year in high school. I never thought I would enjoy it so much like I do now. I started looking forward to each meeting, learning something new and having fun at the same time. I hope to be able to continue doing this in the future if time allows me to do so! Using all of the skills we learned to make this block, I'm proud of the hard work put into my block.
12-2	Emma Atcheson	12 <sup>th</sup>	Star of Hadassah	While sewing this block together, I learned the importance of the quarter inch seam and the value of aligning the corners. My inspiration for the name of the block came from Hadassah in the Bible. Her name symbolizes peace, righteousness and joy. Each of these things can be found in Christ alone, in whom our hope is found.