

2025 Louisa County Fair Quilt Race

Whether you are new to sewing, have a little experience or are a veteran quilter, this event is guaranteed to provide an afternoon of fun....and a completed quilt top!

The fifth annual Louisa County Quilt Race will be held on Wednesday, July 23 at 1:00pm in the Youth Center at the Louisa County Fairgrounds, Columbus Junction, IA.

This year's event again includes a great line-up of prizes. Thanks to The Warm Company, this year's winner will again receive a full roll of Warm & Natural Batting (valued at more than \$300).

Quilt Race Details:

There is no entry fee; entrants must purchase their "jelly roll" (fabric strip set) when arriving at the event; a variety of colors will be available. The quilt race is open to all ages. Sewing/quilting skills are not required; entrants will simply be sewing straight seams. The focus of this event is to see which contestant can finish sewing their strips together as instructed in the least amount of time.

How to Enter:

To learn more about this event, or to register, contact Sharee Hoegerl at 563-349-1593. Walk in entrants will be welcome the day of the event, but pre-entry helps assure a broad selection of "jelly rolls" to choose from for each entrant.

What to bring:

- Sewing machine (may bring the machine of contestant's choice). Must be able to set stitch length. Only straight stitching is required, so your machine does not need to be fancy.
- Extension cord and power strip/surge protector
- Scissors
- Optional: pins (both straight pins and a couple of safety pins)
- Thread
- Optional: extra bobbin(s)

Rules for the Race:

1. Jelly roll must be purchased at the contest; the cost of the jelly roll will be \$30.
2. Participants must provide their own sewing machine. Please bring an extension cord and power strip/surge protector. Tables and chairs will be provided.
3. Prior to the start of the race, participants must all set their stitch length to a similar setting.
4. Participants cannot have assistance from anyone during the race.

5. Upon completion, contestant must be able to hold up their “quilt” with no visible holes/gaps in the stitching.

Tips for success:

- Bring a spare needle.
- Be sure to start with a full bobbin and have a second bobbin prepared.
- Listen to instructions on the day of the race. Suggestions will be offered to help competitors succeed.
- Have fun!!!!