

How To Make A Commonwealth Quilt – Frequently Asked Questions

1. Must I be a professional artist to participate?

No, you do not need to be an artist to participate. Both artists and non-artists are invited to make a submission. Any Commonwealth citizen can enter their submission/thread, regardless of skill level, experience or professionalism.

2. What can I submit?

You can submit anything creative in the following mediums and formats: Visual art (including paintings, digital art, illustrations, photography, short film, textile art etc.), Literary art (including poetry, prose etc.) and Performing art (including song, music video, rap, dance, movement video, spoken word performance etc.).

Video and audiovisual submissions should be a maximum of 2 minutes long and not more than 128mb in size in MP4 or MOV formats. Audio submissions should be up to 20 MB in size in MP3 or M4A formats. Image/photo submissions should be up to 10 MB in size in JPG, PNG or HEIC formats). Text submissions must be a maximum of 300 words long and entered directly into the online entry form.

3. Who can participate in this project?

Submissions are open to all citizens of a Commonwealth country and organisations based in the Commonwealth. If you are submitting as an organisation or collective, the main applicant who makes the submission should be a Commonwealth citizen.

4. Can I enter more than once?

Each entrant is only permitted to submit one entry.

5. What happens to my submission once I've sent it in?

If your submission is accepted, it will be displayed in a virtual Commonwealth quilt alongside all other submissions.

In addition, up to three creative submissions per region will be awarded £200 each and featured in a physical exhibition in Antigua, in conjunction with the Commonwealth People's Forum in November 2026.

6. Are Generative AI works accepted?

Submissions that are produced by Generative AI are not eligible for submission.

7. Are submissions from organisations or interest groups accepted?

Yes, submissions from organisations or interest groups that are based in a Commonwealth Country will be accepted. If you are submitting as an organisation or interest group, the main applicant who makes the submission should be a Commonwealth citizen.

8. Will I be compensated for making a submission?

There is no fee for making a submission and being featured in the virtual quilt; we invite you to participate on a voluntary basis.

9. When will I be notified of the outcome of my submission?

You will be notified of the outcome of your submission before the launch of the virtual Commonwealth Quilt in November 2026. If your submission is chosen to be showcased in the multimedia exhibition at the Commonwealth Peoples Forum, you will be notified between September and October 2026.