

## 2006 Birds of a Feather Quilt Challenge to StopPDD

# Quilting Guidelines



*Join the EarlyBirds! Pledge your quilt block now! It costs nothing but a little time this summer....*

The StopPDD Campaign is challenging you to help build the networked avian community's second annual Quilt to Stop PDD! Avian Health Network (AHN) announced the "2006 Birds of a Feather Quilt Challenge to StopPDD" at the drawing for the 2005 Birds of a Feather Quilt in Maryland in May.

This summer, quilters everywhere will be stitching quilt blocks to donate to this second annual charity event sponsored by Avian Health Network, Inc. Proceeds from the 2006 drawing will again benefit PDD research by Dr. Branson Ritchie and the Emerging Diseases Research Group (EDRG) at the University of Georgia's College of Veterinary Medicine.

QuiltingBirds are the quilters and writers and block donors and general volunteers who will make something tangible and lovely in the memory of our lost birds this summer. Whether or not you can sew, you can help by pledging a block to the 2006 Quilt! Try your hand at making your own block according to the attached Quilt Guidelines.

### Quilt Production Schedule

- June 9** Quilt block guidelines available
- June 15** Launch 2006 Quilt pages on WWW
- August 12** Quilt blocks due, Piecing begins
- August 31** Piecing due, Finish quilting begins
- Winter** Finished quilt due  
Quilt Display begins  
Drawing tickets on sale!
- 2006** Quilt drawing.



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## Block Guidelines and Quilt Specification

### General Information

All block donors must fill out and sign a Block Pledge Form for AHN's Quilt records. Submitted materials will convey with the Quilt at its award. Photos of blocks may be used on Avian Health Network, Inc., websites, newsletters, or other publications.

Order forms for dedicated blocks are included with this packet. This program allows those donors with more money than time or sewing skills to commission a block for the 2006 Quilt.

Clubs and individuals who pledge blocks for the 2006 Quilt are invited to join QuiltingBirds, a Yahoo group where Quilt volunteers can ask questions and share resources and solutions. [[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Quiltingbirds\\_06/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Quiltingbirds_06/)]

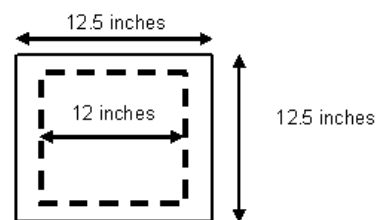
Look for further information posted on the new 2006 Quilt page when it is published in mid-June. [[www.StopPDD.org/quilt06/](http://www.StopPDD.org/quilt06/)]

### Theme

Due to popular demand, the theme for the 2006 Quilt is "Birds of a Feather". AHN supports research into infectious diseases, especially PDD, which affect exotic birds. Blocks should have a bird theme. Please do not feel limited to preparing a block that depicts a bird. Traditional pieced blocks are acceptable if the fabric is based in part on birds. For example, you might make a nine patch quilt block using fabrics that have birds printed on them. Pictorial club logos are acceptable; do not include text identification in quilt block designs. Please respect copyrights and trademarks.

### Block Size

Submitted blocks must be 12½ inches square. This means that you are allowing a one quarter inch seam allowance around each block.



### Fabric

All fabrics must be 100 percent cotton: no silks, synthetics, or wools.

Please feel free to use any color(s) in your pieced block. The sashing will be done in blue fabric and the final border color will be chosen when the quilt is pieced together. We are requesting that you do not submit blocks with heat transferred designs.

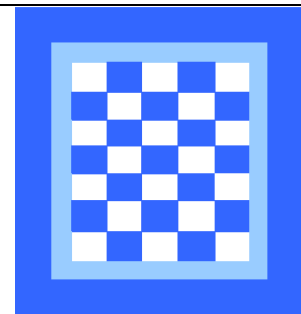
Please preshrink all fabrics prior to using, so that the quilt may be professionally laundered prior to delivery to the winner. If you are using vivid colors, you may want to add some white vinegar to your rinse water to set the colors and minimize bleeding. Check with your local fabric store for how much vinegar to add to the water.

The quilt block you submit must not be backed with fabric or filler as filler and backing will be added by AHN after the quilt blocks have been pieced.

### Finished Quilt

The finished quilt will be approximately 68 inches wide by 92 inches long. The blue blocks represent blocks donated by bird clubs, individuals, and quilt guilds. The white blocks are "border" blocks that will be done in blues. The final block and sash layout may change depending on the number of pieced quilt blocks we receive. If more quilt blocks are received, the "border" blocks will be replaced by donated blocks.

Width: 12"x5=60" Length: 12"x7=84"  
Inner border= 1"; outer border=3" =total border around quilt 4"  
Finished quilt measurement: 68" x 92"



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