

## **Boulder County Strong and Beautiful Flood Recovery Community Collaborative Quilt**

### **Idea behind the quilt:**

In order to commemorate the one year anniversary of the devastating 2013 Flood, a collaborative quilt project will serve as a long-lasting memorial to Boulder County residents' resiliency. The quilt will follow the theme "Boulder County: Strong and Beautiful."

Quilters of all types from around the county, state and the nation are invited to take this opportunity to work together to design a memorable Flood Recovery Quilt. A finished quilt, comprised of 30 blocks, will be hung in the Boulder County Courthouse on Pearl Street, and the remaining submitted blocks will be turned into items for flood survivors (including throw blankets, pillows, wall hangings, etc.). A committee of Boulder County leadership and local quilters will determine which submissions will be included in the Courthouse quilt based on both design and craftsmanship.

### **Quilt Block Guidelines**

- Quilt blocks should be a finished 12.5" x 12.5" square. Blocks outside these parameters will not be considered for the Courthouse quilt.
- All piecing methods are welcome (with the exception of raw-edged applique)
  - The hope is to receive many types of blocks which somehow represent the theme. Sewing styles may include modern piecing, traditional piecing, paper piecing, non-raw edge applique, art quilt blocks, etc.
- Quilt blocks should be inspired by the theme "Boulder County: Strong and Beautiful"
  - The theme can be taken literally: paper-pieced mountains, animals, foliage, scenes native to Boulder County, Colo. etc. The theme may also be demonstrated more abstractly: use the provided color palette in unique ways, through improv piecing, wonky log cabins, etc.
- The color palette chosen for this quilt represent many of the colors commonly associated with Colorado, and are hues which complement one another. The palette of chosen colors was chosen from Robert Kaufman Kona Solids, but quilters are not limited to using solids, or this brand. Prints that read as solid/one-color, batiks that resemble the chosen solids or any combination of the above fabrics are all welcome.
  - The Kona solids chosen for this quilt, are as follows:
    - Red
    - Carnation
    - Tangerine
    - Corn Yellow
    - Clover
    - Forest
    - Lagoon
    - Robin Egg
    - Mulberry
    - Crocus

- Chocolate
  - Taupe
  - Snow
- Pre-made bundles of fabric will be available at the following locations:
  - Brick and Mortar Locations (will have bundles inspired by the provided palette):
    - **Fabricate**, 2023 17<sup>th</sup> St., Boulder, CO
    - **Lyons Quilting**, 216 E. Main St., Lyons, CO
  - Online Retailers:
    - **PinkChalkFabrics.com** will have the 13 Kona cotton solids in a fat quarter bundle (search for Boulder County colors).
    - **eQuilter.com** will have a bundle available online inspired by the chosen palette
- Blocks chosen for the quilt to hang in the Courthouse will be chosen by committee. The committee will determine winners by their adherence to the theme and color palette, as well as craftsmanship.
  - Many blocks received by the committee will be photographed and displayed on the project website.
  - Blocks not chosen for the Courthouse quilt will be used to create other items for flood survivors. Boulder County reserves the right to refrain from using a block for any reason.
- Submissions do not have to be from a resident of Boulder County, or the state of Colorado.
- Quilters may mail any number of blocks, but it is likely that only one block per individual will make it into the Courthouse quilt.
- Blocks must be mailed to:
  - Boulder County Flood Recovery Quilt  
c/o Katie Arrington, Flood Recovery Center  
P.O. Box 471, Boulder, CO 80306
- Blocks must be received by July 11, 2014.
- All blocks must be received with a submission form.
  - If you are sending multiple blocks, please send one submission form per block.