

DQG 40th Anniversary Tree of Life Challenge

The Background:

The Tree of Life graphic is a fundamental archetype in many world mythologies, religions, and philosophical traditions. It's often seen as a tree of knowledge, fundamentally connecting all forms of creation. It's seen in ancient mosaics, etched in metal and stone, embroidered on royal tapestries. We see it frequently nowadays in environmental-based company logos. It's even been portrayed in Disney's Animal Kingdom movies! To the imaginative, the tree could be a representation of the textile arts, with the branches representing the various modalities such as sewing, quilting, weaving, embroidery, dyeing, embellishment, and such.

The Basics:

Open to all Guild members.

Due no later than the June 2022 meeting where the blocks will be displayed.

In keeping with tradition, the basic graphic tree itself must be circular.

Your design should be mounted or finished into a 20" square.

Basically, you're submitting a 20" square block
with a circular design in the center.

The Tree must include roots, trunk, and branches. Leaves are optional.

The design can be one color (for example, just dark on light)
or it can be multi-colored.

Edges must be bound or otherwise finished. Irregular edges must fit
the size requirements.

The Details:

Use any technique, any color palate, any fabrics, any materials

.....appliqué, fusible, needle turned, raw-edge, fussy cut fabric

.....embroidery, thread painting, decorative stitching

.....beading, crystals, buttons, floss or ribbon

.....piping, painting, metallic thread

Your options are limitless. A search online for "simple tree of life graphics" will give you hundreds of examples. We've included a few drawings to get you started. These are EXAMPLES ONLY; you do not have to use one of these designs.

