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Welcome TO AQC 2024



Dear Quilter,

Welcome to a preview of the 2024 Australasian Quilt Convention!

There are some special displays and events to enjoy... You'll see the AQC Quilt Show which will be a glorious display of quilts by some of the best Australian and international quilters in the business — plus some surprises too. We are lucky to have A Travelling Selection of QuiltCon — direct from the February QuiltCon event — the first stop on its tour.

There are quilts from France, USA, UK, Canada, including works by international tutors Anne Bellas, Phyllis Cullen and Sara Cook as well as our Australian AQC tutors. The range of their talents on display is breathtaking.

See Sketchbook Quilts by AQC tutor Gillian Travis and you are welcome to catch Gillian's Thursday evening lecture and hear what inspires her about her travels around the world. Colourful quilts by Jen Kingwell, the 2023 Rajah winner are there too.

'Oh My Stars!' is the 2024 AQC Challenge theme – and you can see it first, and vote for your favourite in Viewers' Choice. The 2024 Australian Quilt Show will also premiere at AQC. This is a special juried exhibition of Australian-made quilts, all vying for the \$10,000 Grand Prize and \$21,797 in other cash and machine prizes.

Come for a day or more and see the AQC Quilt Show, shop with independent retailers, catch a seminar or make & take class. If you have never been an AQC delegate, there's still time to make this the year to indulge yourself. It's great value and you can learn from some of the best, make new friends and enjoy the full experience of education, discovery, wonderful food and entertainment!

Whether this is your first visit to AQC or your 18th – it's the place to be!

See you there,

Judy and Gary

Kate Ceberano Quilts

You'll know her as an amazing artist with a music career

spanning four decades and 30 albums, but did you know Kate Ceberano designs and embroiders quilts?

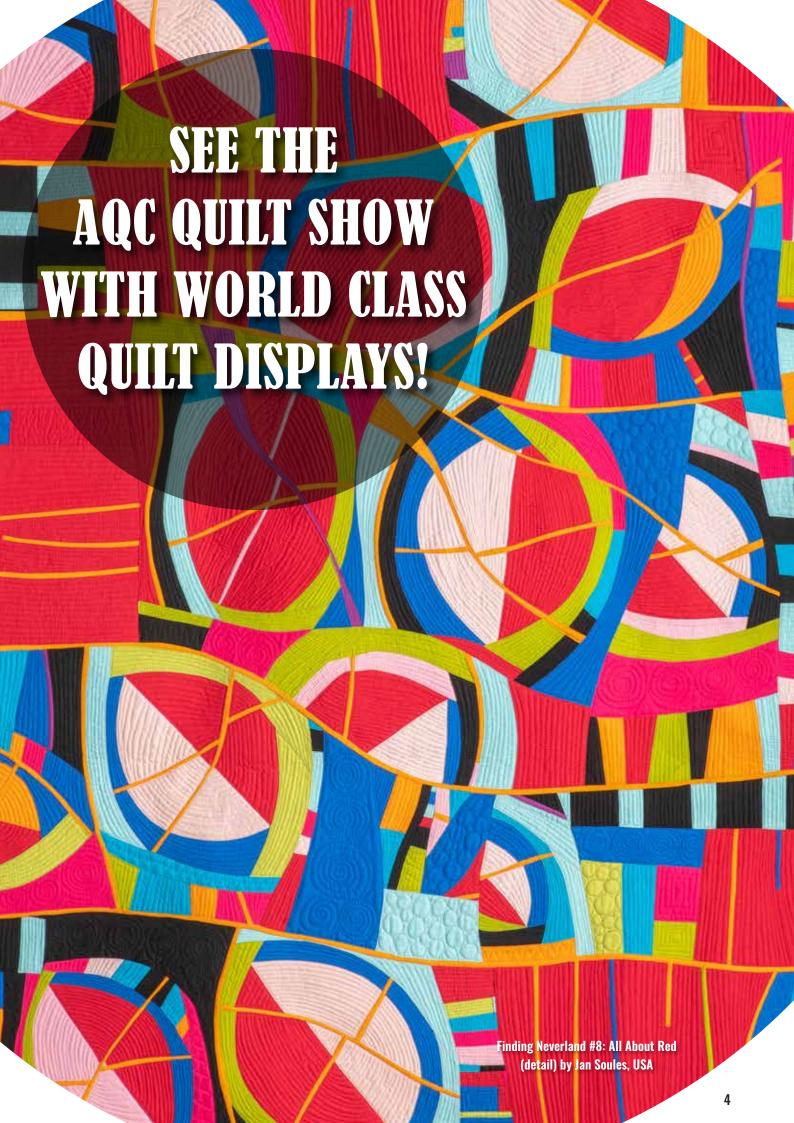
We're thrilled to have a display of her designs at AQC this year. During the quiet hours of pandemic lockdown, Kate turned to painting and embroidery to storytell while live performances were curtailed. Kate's designs are hand-stitched by a team of four women in the Philippines, with lyrics and personalised stories lovingly hand-stitched by Kate herself. See her quilts at AQC.



Judy llewmon

At a Glance





Enjoy an exhibition of international textile artworks exploring the theme of RED

Ever since our earliest ancestors began applying iron oxide to cave walls and their bodies, the colour red has played a major role in art, rituals, and spirituality. The use of red can evoke excitement, danger, anger, or love in the West. The colour red is associated with purity in India, and in China it traditionally symbolizes luck. Red is also a primary colour, crucial to the creation of other hues.

39 works from makers in USA, Japan, Taiwan, Canada, Italy and Australia are featured in this creative collection.

A Studio Art Quilt Associates Global Exhibition

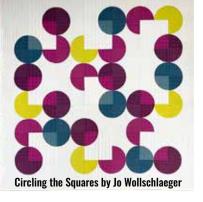




Sketchbook Quilts by Gillian Travis

Delight in new sketchbook quilts, by renowned teacher, prizewinning quilter and AQC tutor — Gillian Travis. Created to capture travelling experiences, Gillian's art quilts have been exhibited worldwide and each one evokes happy memories of a recent holiday or adventure.

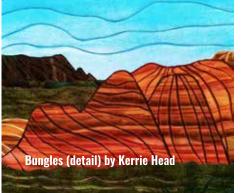
Catch Gillian's Lecture! See page 9



QuiltCon 2024 Travelling Exhibit

See the QuiltCon 2024
Travelling Exhibit, presented
by the Modern Quilt Guild – a
special selection of quilts from
the February 2024 QuiltCon
exhibition, Raleigh, NC – flown
in direct from the USA!





A moment in time

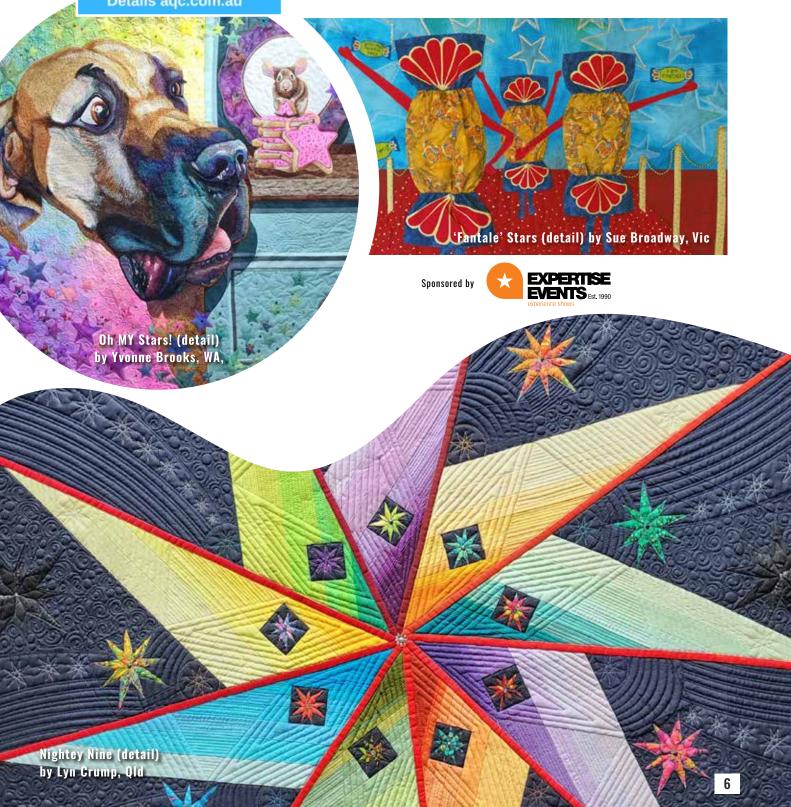
A group of four textile artists – Jenny Bates, Maxine Fry, Kerrie Head, Suzanne Gummow – 'Tree of Us + 1' challenged one another to explore new techniques, media and ways of working. This fascinating textile art exhibition is the result of their work.

AQC Challenge - Oh My Stars!



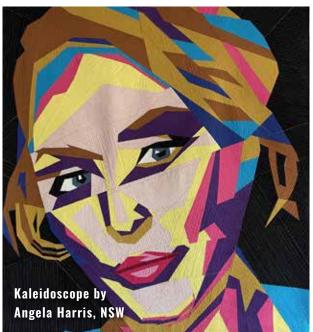
This year's entries reflected the fun theme in many different ways — you'll be pleasantly surprised by some of the interpretations!

Quilts featuring traditional, modern, abstract and quirky designs will be on show, and you can savour the finalists' works and vote for your favourite entry in Viewers Choice. An amazing cash prize pool of \$5,500 is on offer including the \$500 Viewers Choice prize. Winners, except Viewers Choice, announced on Wednesday April 10 at AQC.



The Australian Quilt Show





Now in its third year, the Australian Quilt Show Challenge is a national competition for Australian quilters. The finalists' quilts in this juried competition will be on display, premiering at AQC.

The 2024 winners, except Viewers Choice will be announced on Thursday April 11 at AQC. Total prize pool is worth \$31,797 including \$19,800 in cash and three Janome machines, each valued at \$3,999 RRP.



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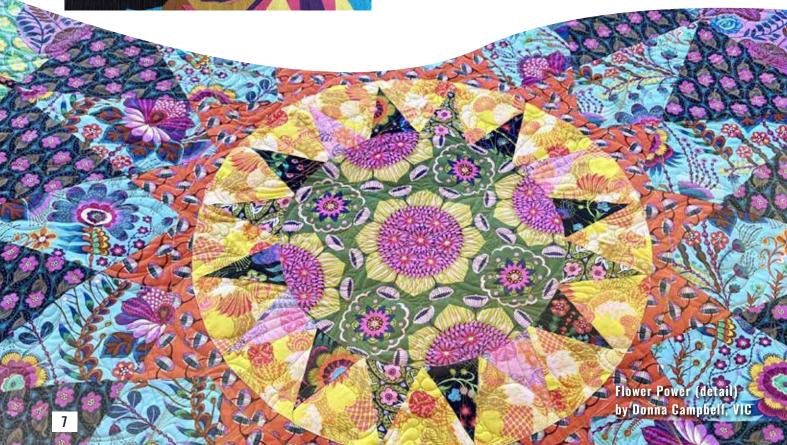




Perspectives 20

20 Perspectives is a group of international textile artists united by their love of textiles and the desire to share their art with others.

'Windows, Doors and Portals' is their second challenge. A window/portal or door enables the passage of light or air, information or creatures to move through to another side. There are 20 unique interpretations to explore.



Tutors' quilts on show and more!

Teach Me

A splendid collection of work by AQC tutors who teach delegates in special convention classes upstairs. Tutors for 2024 include: Anne Bellas (France), Sara Cook (UK), Phyllis Cullen (USA), Karen Cunningham (NSW), Jemima Flendt (WA), Julie Haddrick (SA) Chris Jurd (NSW), Gloria Loughman (Vic), Sharon Nicholls-Thomson (NSW), Gillian Travis (UK), Lorena Uriarte (NSW) and Wendy Williams (NSW).

Best in Victoria

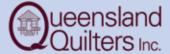
See some of the best quilts from Victorian Quilters' 2023 Quilt Showcase.

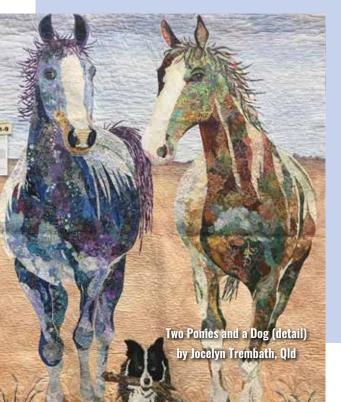




Best from Qld

See a wonderful collection of awardwinning quilts from the 2023 Queensland Quilters Inc. Queensland Quilt Show.





Enjoy the full AQC experience!

Be a VIP and book a gold pass!

You can still enjoy tutor classes full of learning with quilters just like you. There are still some great classes available and by booking you'll enjoy the special benefits only AQC VIP Delegates can enjoy. Gold Pass is \$1,389 and a two-day package is \$939, full details at aqc.com.au.

Jogakho Wall Hanging - 2-day class with Sara Cook

Rajah 2023: Jen Kingwell

View a beautiful display of clever quilts by internationally renowned author, fabric and quilt designer, Jen Kingwell. You'll love her signature style, which she describes as 'traditional blocks with a modern twist'.

Get Social!

Everyone is welcome to the evening social events at AQC – there are four to enjoy! Bookings essential, **visit aqc.com.au**

Welcome Cocktail Party Wednesday, April 10 at 6pm

Join us with a celebratory cocktail and the announcement of the winner of the AQC Challenge, with the theme this year of Oh My Stars! You'll meet the 2024 AQC tutors too. **Dress code**: Come as you are: smart, casual or cocktail wear.

Cost: \$89

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A Traveller's Guide to Sketchbook Quilts

Presented by UK tutor
Gillian Travis
Thursday, April 11 from 5.30pm.
Mezzanine Level. Cost: \$69

A traveller's guide to finding inspiration to make art quilts and how to make a fabric sketchbook or sketchbook quilt. Join Gillian for an inspirational presentation — she's incredibly well travelled, amazingly prolific and a delight to meet.





Your Mind Matters

Presented by Canadian podcast host Brandy Maslowski, the Quilter on Fire. Friday, April 12, from 5.30pm. Mezzanine Level. Cost: \$69



This lecture and trunk show is a display of the quilts, textile art and stories that feature Brandy's path from Firefighter to Quilt Professional. With consistent practices in self-care, learning, and creativity to live happily rather than searching for happiness, she

discovered along the way that bringing joy to others through her online community fills her cup every day.

Gala Dinner AQC Feast

Saturday, April 13 at 7pm

Join us for a wonderful evening of entertainment, food and wine in the company of fellow quilters. All food and drinks included. Several awards will be announced during the evening.
2024 awards: Shining Light, Lut-da, Rajah and Hall of Fame. There are no 'requirements' for the Gala Dinner, come and enjoy yourself. On the Mezzanine



Level. Dress code: Party! or smart casual. Cost: \$145

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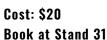
(Book at the stand as class numbers are limited. Classes run daily).

Baby Lock Sewing Room

Times: 10:30am and 1:30pm daily Duration: 60 to 90 minutes Presented by The Baby Lock Team

Make an easy zipper gift bag and have fun experiencing the amazing self-threading, no

tension Victory Overlocker. The techniques you will learn include gathering to create a ruffle, four-thread overlocking, inserting a zipper and just how easy it is to use a Baby Lock Overlocker.





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Bernina Sewing Room

Times: 10:30am and 1:30pm daily Duration: One hour 45 minutes Presented by The Bernina Team

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acrylic pens to add that special finishing touch that will enhance and give it a 3-dimensional look.

Cost: \$50

Book at Stand 118

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Janome Sewing Room

Times: 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.30pm daily

Duration One Hour

Presented by **Deborah Whittred**

Complete a versatile holder using decorative and free-motion stitching, plus in-the-hoop embroidery.

It's handy while sewing with threads, bobbins, tape measure etc; or as a jewellery holder or give

Cost: \$10



it as a special handcrafted gift to a loved one. (Accessories shown not included).

Book online or visit the Janome Sewing Room.

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Accuquilt Sewing Room

Times: 10:30am and 1pm Presented by Sharyn Merrin

Experience how accurate your cuts can be and how much time can be saved using the Accuquilt Go! Create a versatile pot holder with applique, binding and quilting in no time at all!

Duration: 90mins

Cost: \$15

Book your spot at Accuquilt, Stand 115



Learn something new!

FREE Seminars

Expert retailers are at AOC to share tips and techniques in these FREE seminars. All welcome. No booking required. Seminars run daily for 30 minutes, check the AOC website for details! agc.com.au

10.30am: Learn Controlled Quilting, Pauline's Ouilters World.

11am: Do it the easy HNK way with Helen Stubbings, Hugs 'n Kisses.

11.30am: 10 Cutting Edge Sewing Notions From Japan! Patchwork Ninja.

12noon: Quilting with Mettler Threads, presented by Simone Hees, Mettler, Germany.

12.30pm: All You Need to Know for Quilt as You Go, Pauline's Quilters World.

1pm: Perfect Points the Easy Way! Brenda Burgess, Flip la K.

1.30pm: All About Aurifil Thread with Richard Kingwell, Amitie Textiles.

2pm: No Rules in Quilting! Pauline's **Quilters World.**

2.30pm: Threaducation with Jennifer Moore, Wonderfil Specialty Threads.

3pm: Lucy Locket Pocket Bag with Jane MacDonald. BeBe Bold.

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Bag giveaway is limited to the first 1,000 visitors each day, so be early.



Make & Takes

Get hands on with the experts and learn something new! Program runs daily each class lasts approximately 50 minutes.



10.30am: Star Mini Ouilt with Verity King, Winterwood Felt & Craft Supplies.

Kit cost \$22. **Book at Stand 183**



11.30am: 'Bling and Swing' Bag Charm with Jennifer Moore, Wonderfil Specialty Threads.

Kit cost \$22. Book at Stand 168



12.30pm: Mini Pincushion the Easy HNK Way with Helen Stubbings, Hugs 'n Kisses.

Kit cost \$25. **Book at Stand 8**

2.30pm: Dilly Bag with Gai Taylor, Just Patchwork. Kit cost \$25. **Book at Stand 91**



1.30pm: Daisy Sashiko Coaster with Jane MacDonald, BeBe Bold, Kit cost \$25.

Book at Stand 46



Book your place at the presenter's stand and buy the kit. Bookings essential as space is limited.

Expo Highlights

Come and experience shopping with unique designers and renowned experts. There are dozens of Australian independent retailer stands for you to browse.



1. Kaela's Patch, Stand 161. Get the look of a metal zipper without the hassle. You can cut and sew easily through the nylon teeth. Available in eight gorgeous colour stripe options. 2. Material Obsession, Stand 122. Introducing Trade Winds, the latest collection by Kathy Doughty. The range captures an eclectic combination of cultural influences in an energetic mix of easy to use fabrics. 3. Miss Rose Sister Violet, Stand 79. Gorgeous fabrics, hand-painted doll faces, beautiful velvet ribbons, vintage trims and laces. 4. Eppiflex EPP Templates, Stand 93. Eppiflex reusable EPP templates are perfect for slow stitching! 5. Bella Fabrics, Stand 45. Persephone and the Pomegranate – a Block of the Month program designed by Louise Papas. 6. Patchwork Ninja, Stand 89. Rainbow Ripples Bag is colourful and easy to make with the right technique. 7. Forage Australia, Stand 66. The new Carrington Series is a collection of boxed kits for smaller-sized projects such as cushions, scarves, wallhangings and embroidery. 8. Grace Company, Stand 4. Whether you have a sewing or quilting project, the Little Rebel will do it all! 9. Winterwood Felt & Craft Supplies, Stand 183. Valleymaker Native Flower Kits, beautiful hand-dyed wool felt sewing kits to make – three designs.

See what's new!

Here's a taste of what you'll see at the AQC shopping expo! Visit www.aqc.com.au to see more fantastic new products!



10. L'uccello, Stand 69. Explore beautiful antique lace & buttons, fine French haberdashery & fabrics from Maison Sajou and more! 11. The Birdhouse, Stand 43. Beach Bag! Nice large tote to hold towels, rashie, cap, water bottle etc, internal pockets and zippered purse for smaller items. 12. Janome Australia Stand 18. New! Continental M8 Professional is the top-of-the-line quilting model and it features Accurate Stitch Regulator plus a huge 13.5" workspace. 13. Flip la K, Stand 44. Wagga Diamond template set, no paper piecing with this product — easy to use templates creating accurate blocks every time! 14. Wonderfil Australia, Stand 168. Introducing the Joy of Creation DecoBob Collection, a partnership between Veruschka Zarate of Pride & Joy Quilting and WonderFil. 15. Maytime-Valdani, Stand 74. New colourways in Valdani Thread mandala. 16. Susan Felicity Design, Stand 26. Jelly roll of 40 designs across 2 collections — gorgeous! 17. Legit Kits Australia, Stand 95. These foundation-pieced patterns are new, with no 'Y' seams and an innovative and simple construction method! 18. BeBe Bold, Stand 46. Enjoy making the Loren tote bag that can fit all the essentials, or be folded up and carried with you.

Fast Facts

DATES

April 11 - 14, 2024

LOCATION

Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton Gardens Melbourne, Vic 3053 Thursday to Sunday 10am – 4pm

ONE-DAY TICKETS

Adults: \$25 at the door, \$24 online

Seniors card holders: \$24 at the door, \$22 online

Age & disability pensioners: \$23 at the door,

S21 online

Children (5 to 16 years): \$12 at the door,

\$10 online (under 5 free)

MULTI-DAY TICKETS

Two-day pass: \$44 at the door, \$42 online Three-day pass: \$59 at the door, \$56 online Four-day pass: \$72 at the door, \$69 online

GROUP BOOKINGS

Buy 10 Adult tickets or more and save. Each ticket can be used on any one day... so with 10 tickets, 5 friends can come on 2 days, or 10 friends can

Group Adult ticket *\$20 (available for prepurchase only, minimum purchase is 10 group adult tickets). Group tickets* must be prebooked and paid for by Friday April 5, 2024. This offer is not valid for door sales.

PARKING

Melbourne Museum has undercover parking, subject to availability. Entry is via Rathdowne or Nicholson Street and is open from 6am to midnight, Monday to Sunday. For rates visit www.museumvictoria.com.au or call 13 11 02.

For other carparks in the area, visit www.secureparking.com.au or call 03 9613 0000. Parking meters are also available in the surrounding streets.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Plan your public transport journey. Visit www.ptv.vic.gov.au or call 1800 800 007.

ACCOMMODATION

Go to: hotelplanner.com for details on a range of accommodation options.





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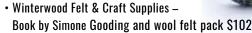
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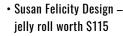
First prize - value \$2,190

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• Antique & Unique Jewels - \$1,000 shopping voucher

- Aroha Quilts jelly roll worth \$110
- Bernina scissor set \$299
- Flip la K Gloucester Star template set \$150
- Just Patchwork large Tutto bag \$205
- Legit Kits Tree Frog pattern \$109
- Sew Exquisite mini advent calendar and tassel ornament worth \$100









Second prize

• Anita Craft Lamp from Scissorman - valued at \$318.95

Third prize

 Designer Accessory bag plus embroidery and overlocker thread packs, from Baby Lock Australia – total value \$240



ALL AQC visitors are eligible to enter. To enter, visit the competition area at the expo and complete the digital entry form. The winners will be drawn at the end of the last day of the event and notified the following week. For full terms and conditions of entry visit www.aqc. com.au. Online ticket buyers will be automatically entered into the draw. For more information contact Expertise Events on 02 9452 7575 or email craft@expertiseevents.com.au

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