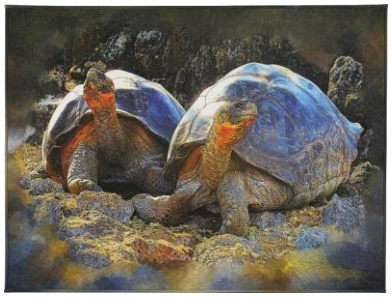
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Growing Old Together



- DESIGN & QUILTING BY: Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry
- DATE 2026
- SIZE: 40” wide X 30” high
- MATERIALS: Fabric: 100% cotton • Batting: cotton/bamboo • Thread: acrylic & polyester
- TECHNIQUES: original photography, original digital design, digital painting, digital printing, machine quilting
- IDENTIFYING MARKS: Signature & label
- PHOTO: Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry
- PRICE: $6400

Design Concept & Process:



In 2014, we visited an island in the Galapagos where we were allowed to wander among giant tortoises in their natural habitat. This quilt began with a photograph I took of a pair of these creatures who are renowned for reaching very old ages, with most individuals reaching 100–150 years. I chose this image for a show on the theme of Best Friends.

I did a lot of digital editing and some digital drawing on the photograph then painted the background to remove distracting details. The image was printed on cotton fabric by Spoonflower. The matching binding strips were printed at the same time. The skin folds on the tortoises are quilted with black thread and the tortoise shells are quilted with monofilament. For the lava rocks, I used free-motion zigzag stitching in several colors to create texture. The background is stitched with variegated thread in an overlapping zigzag pattern. The backing fabric is from one of my collections for Benartex.

Exhibitions:

- None as of 11/18/2026

Publications:

- None as of 11/18/2026



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