

# CLOTHING & TEXTILES

## OBJECTIVES

To give 4-H clothing project members the opportunity to:

1. Develop sewing skills of increasing difficulty.
2. Learn about textiles and their various properties.
3. Develop creativity and design skills.
4. Enhance public speaking skills.
5. Have fun.

## RULES FOR EXHIBITION

1. Exhibitor must be enrolled in a Somerset County 4-H clothing and textiles project by January 1.
2. Exhibitor must attend at least 70 percent of regular club meetings and/or activities.
3. Exhibitor must sell at least one (1) wreath as part of the Wreath Sale Fundraiser in October.
4. Exhibitor must complete at least one project in the Clothing & Textiles area.
5. Exhibitor must complete a 4-H record book by the week of fair.
6. Exhibitor must participate in the Fair Fashion Revue, which is held at 7pm on Thursday night of the Fair.

## DIVISIONS

### Junior Division

The Junior Division is comprised of members in Sewing Units 1-3. Members should choose one or more sewing projects to complete following the guidelines when enrolled in each respective unit. Each year members should strive to make certain each project uses new skills and presents new challenges.

### Senior Division

The Senior Division is comprised of members in Sewing Units 4 +. Members should choose one or more sewing projects to complete following the guidelines while enrolled in each respective unit. Each year members should strive to make certain each project uses new skills and presents new challenges.

## JUDGING

All projects will be judged for construction and presentation.

Construction judging will take place prior to the fair. All members are required to submit their projects for judging to the Sewing Division chair on the last Wednesday of July. Sewing Division chair will be at the 4-H Center from 6:30 pm to 8 pm to collect submissions. **No submissions will be accepted after the last Wednesday of July.** Projects will be returned to members at the conclusion of the fair. Each project must be submitted with the following documents:

- Completed Project
- Sewing Pattern Used
- Completed Project Completion Page from Record Book
- Fashion Revue Script

Presentation judging will take place during the 4-H Fair Fashion Revue on Thursday of Fair.

## AWARDS

Members who meet the rules for exhibition listed above but do not submit their project for construction judging will receive Participation Ribbons.

Members who meet the rules for exhibition listed above, submit their projects for construction judging and participate in the Fair Fashion Revue for presentation judging will be eligible for Danish Ribbons.

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Members' projects that are eligible for Danish Ribbons will also be eligible to compete for Best in Unit Rosettes. However, if a member completes projects that are solely accessories or home items (bags, scarves, curtains, etc.), they will not be eligible to compete for Best in Unit Rosettes.

Best in Unit Rosettes will be awarded if a sewing unit has 5-9 completed projects during the year. If a sewing unit has 10-14 completed projects, a Second Best in Division/Unit rosette will be awarded. If a sewing unit has 15 or more completed projects, a Third Best in Division/Unit rosette will be awarded. Division/Unit rosettes are awarded based on scoring at judging. To receive a Best in Unit Rosette, the project must have scored as Excellent during judging.

### SUGGESTED PROJECTS AND YEAR GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are suggested for each unit in the Clothing & Textiles project.

#### Unit 1

- Projects should not include zippers or button holes.
- Should a member make a shirt, dress or night shirt it should pull over their head.
- Should a member make shorts, pants, pajama pants or a skirt, it should have an elastic waistband.
- Projects do not need to be serged; however, if the member wishes to serge their project they are allowed to do so.

#### Unit 2

- Projects should not include button holes.
- All projects should be serged.

#### Units 3-4

- All projects should be serged.
- Consider using knit fabrics or fabrics that require matching.

#### Units 5+

- All projects should be serged.
- Consider using advanced fabrics, i.e. silk, velvet, lace, voile, etc.

#### Suggested Projects

The following list of suggested projects is meant as a starting point. Club leaders have final approval on all projects selected. The ultimate goal is for members to make projects that they will use.

- Apron
- Tote or beach bag
- Vest
- T-shirt
- Shorts
- Pants
- Jumper/Dress
- Nightgown/Night Shirt
- Pajamas
- Blouse
- Robe
- Recycle a piece of clothing
- Unlined Jacket
- Two or Three Piece Coordinated Outfit
- Party dress or gown
- Tailored suit
- Tailored jacket or coat
- Other article of clothing, accessory or home décor project approved by club leader