



## 4-H Sewing Contest

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Description: Contestants will sew a project such as a quilt, baby dress, hand bag, etc. They will be judged on construction, oral presentation, and interview responses

Entries: Individual only

State Awards: TBA

Sponsors: TBA

### General Information:

Final placings are based on a combination of the evaluation of interview/presentation, display and construction. Contestants winning first place may not compete again. Contests will only receive one award/year.

### Rules:

Each contestant will construct a sewing project. Contestants will create a display of the project (i.e. quilt, baby dress, hand bag, etc.). A 6 foot table will be provided for the display. All or just a portion can be used to display the project. The display will contain a focal point, have an interesting presentation, be properly spaced, not crowded and have a pleasing and logical manner.

Contestants will have up to five minutes for an oral presentation and display.

Participants will introduce themselves during the oral presentation. Contestants can choose what they would like to tell the judges, but the following must be covered:

- Name and county
- Why did you choose this project?
- Where did you get the idea for this project?
- What motivated you to create it?
- Where do you plan to use it?

Contestants will stand next to their item for the presentation portion.



## Possible Questions that Judges May Use

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*(Their questions are not limited to this list.)*

1. How many years have you sewn?
2. Where did you get the idea for this project? What motivated you to create it?
3. What was important to you in choosing the pattern and fabric?
4. Tell us about any design changes you made in the pattern.
5. Did you encounter any problems in finding the fabric or notions you wanted? If so, please explain.
6. What techniques did you use in sewing this project?
7. Did you find something particularly difficult as you made this project? Tell us a bit about that, and how you handled it.
8. As you selected the fabric, etc., what did you learn about price and quality?
9. How many hours did you spend buying and constructing your project?
10. What is the fiber content?
11. What skill(s) did you improve on or perfect?
12. How will you care for the piece you made?
13. Can you estimate the cost/value of the piece?
14. Have you ever designed your own project? Combined patterns?
15. Ideas for your next project?
16. What would you do differently?
17. What considerations did you have when making the selection (material, care, design, cost, color)? Explain why these things were important to you.
18. Anything in particular that you learned from this project? Will it make a difference in how you approach a future project?
19. Is there anything else that you would like to share about this sewing experience?



## Sewing Display/Interview Scorecard

**Blue Ribbon?**  
(Circle One)  
**Yes**  
**No**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Outfit: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>ITEMS TO BE SCORED</b>	<b>FAIR</b>	<b>GOOD</b>	<b>EXCELLENT</b>	<b>POINTS EARNED</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>Personal Presentation:</b> (10 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eye contact, facial expression</li> <li>• Posture, appropriate use of gestures</li> <li>• Level of confidence</li> <li>• Voice, verbal communication</li> </ul>					
<b>Knowledge:</b> (10 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education of fabric and fiber content</li> <li>• Pattern and design information</li> <li>• Knowledge of construction techniques</li> <li>• Project care</li> </ul>					
<b>Commentary:</b> (10 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grammar</li> <li>• Coordination of commentary and display</li> <li>• Consumer information</li> </ul>					
<b>Design and Layout:</b> (15 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contains focal point</li> <li>• Interesting presentation</li> <li>• Properly spaced – not crowded</li> <li>• Pleasing and logical manner</li> <li>• Message grasped quickly</li> </ul>					
<b>Contestant:</b> (5 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poise</li> <li>• Grooming</li> <li>• Presentation skills</li> </ul>					
<b>Overall Appeal:</b> (5 Points)					
<b>Total Score:</b> (50 Points)					



# Sewing Construction Scorecard

<b>Blue Ribbon?</b> (Circle One) <b>Yes</b> <b>No</b>
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Outfit: \_\_\_\_\_

ITEMS TO BE SCORED	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT	POINTS EARNED	COMMENTS
<b>Construction Techniques:</b> (10 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate to project and fabric</li> <li>• Machine tension, interfacing, seam finishes, etc.</li> </ul>					
<b>Details, Closures, and Notions:</b> (10 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lies smooth and secure</li> <li>• Corners and curves – evenly shaped, smooth and not bulky</li> <li>• Fasteners – appropriate, secure, well placed</li> <li>• Notions and decorative detail are appropriate</li> </ul>					
<b>Smoothly and Securely Sewn:</b> (10 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seams are smooth and inconspicuous except where decorative</li> <li>• Stitching is neat and stitch length is appropriate</li> <li>• Pucker free</li> </ul>					
<b>Overall Appearance::</b> (10 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First impression</li> <li>• Clean</li> <li>• Pressed but not over-pressed or pressed out of shape</li> <li>• No loose threads</li> </ul>					
<b>Level of Difficulty:</b> (10 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Type of fabric</li> <li>• Pattern</li> <li>• Amount of construction detail</li> </ul>					
<b>Total Score:</b> (50 Points)					

Display/Interview Score \_\_\_\_\_

+ Construction Score \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Score** \_\_\_\_\_