



Livingston County 4-H Creative Fiber Arts Revue

GENERAL GUIDELINES & TIPS



ELIGIBILITY:

- All 4-H members, including Cloverbud members, are eligible to participate in the Creative Fiber Arts Revue. Participants age 13 and above are eligible to qualify for the State Fair Revue.

EVALUATION:

- Pattern envelope and/or instructions are to be presented to the evaluator.
- The evaluator will talk with you about your garment and evaluate it using the appropriate evaluation form.
- Clothing items should be worn during the evaluation process. Members are to be dressed during the evaluation process exactly as they will appear in the revue. This includes any props or accessories.
- Non-wearable items should be presented during the evaluation process.
- Members may construct and model more than one item as long as all items have been constructed during the current program year.

MODELING:

- Bathrooms will be available for changing during the event.
- All Revue participants are expected to attend modeling practice after they have completed the evaluation process.
- Participants will have the opportunity to practice modeling on stage as their commentary is read. Please bring two copies of your Creative Fiber Arts Revue Commentary to the event. One to be presented to the evaluator and the other read at the revue.

USING PROPS:

- Some participants feel more comfortable modeling when carrying props. Props should only be used to compliment/accent the constructed item. Carrying the wrong prop or carrying a prop at all may detract from the outfit. Props may include a tennis racquet, ball, umbrella, book, purse, gloves, hat, etc.

AWARDS:

- Certificates and Danish awards (Excellent, Good, Worthy) will be presented to those who participate in **BOTH** the evaluation process and the Revue.

HELPFUL TIPS:

- As you construct an item. Please keep the following suggestions in mind:
 - ✓ Choose a pattern with care. Consider the skills involved, age, and experience.
 - ✓ Select a fiber/fabric that is suitable to the pattern and your ability. Check pattern envelope or instructions for suggestions.
 - ✓ Fit your pattern before cutting it out.
 - ✓ Match the thread color closely to the color of the fiber/fabric. Usually just one shade darker.
 - ✓ Woven fibers/fabrics must have seam finishes or topstitching to hold the seam allowances in place. Knit and fleece fabrics do not require a seam finish.
 - ✓ Remember to press the item each time a construction line of stitching is completed. Do not wait until entire item is finished to do a "one shot" pressing job.
 - ✓ Clip all curved seams, trim and grade if necessary.
 - ✓ Use single thread for hand stitching. It should be even, small, inconspicuous, and not too tight.