# **New York State Fair Youth Department Exhibitor Entry Statement**

#### **Please Complete All Sections For Entries**

(Attach to completed Exhibitor Entry Card)

	Chris Clover		
County	Ontario •		
	DE	Class Number 3	2
Name of Exhibit			
Variety (if applicable-ex. flowers, vegetables, foods)			

What would you like the judge to know about the steps you took to complete this exhibit? For instance, you can include any special materials or equipment and why you selected them. You can also explain how your exhibit was constructed. Do not list common equipment like baking supplies, sewing or gardening equipment.

I like patriotic fabrics so that is why I chose these 4 different fabrics. I wanted a big pillow to lay down on. I used a 1/4 inch quilting foot for the first time so it was new to sew narrow seams instead of 5/8 inch when I was putting the 20 patches together. Arranging the patches in different patterns was fun to figure out what design I wanted to make. Once I made the pillow top, I put 2 inch strips of fabric around it for a border. Because the pillow might get used on the floor because of its size, I figured it might need to be washed more. I learned how to put a zipper in it on the bottom edge so that it could be washed easily. I had so much fun designing and sewing that I realized that I could not buy a pillow form to fit what I made. I used muslin and fiberfill to make a pillow form to fit the pillow. My family likes my pillow for our living room as much as I do.

### List and describe at least 2 skills you learned or improved upon while doing this exhibit.

I learned how to cut 5 inch strips of fabric with a rotary cutter and a ruler on a cutting board for fabric. I liked cutting the strips and then into smaller 5 inch squares to make the pillow.

I learned how to put a lapped zipper in a pillow so that I did not have to hand sew.

## Briefly describe any challenges you had with this exhibit and how you solved them.

I had to practice holding the ruler and cutting to get straight edges when I cut. I learned it was easier to have my leader help me hold the larger ruler when I cut the long strip of fabric. I was then able to cut the smaller squares without help.

## Where did you get the idea for this exhibit? List the specific source if available.

I got the idea from reading the book Patchwork for Kids. I liked the story and my 4-H leader helped me figure out the measurements for the pillow.

#### If additional information is requested for this exhibit, please put in the space below and/or attach additional pages as needed.

- a) The item will be used in my family living room,
- b) The room is white walls with blue curtains.
- c) The fabric is 100% cotton. Machine wash warm and tumble dry low.
- d) I used sewing skills learned from the Under Construction Sewing Curriculum.