

2008 TEXAS 4-H CLOTHING AND TEXTILES PACKET

TEXAS NATURAL FIBER COMPETITION GUIDE

4-Her who has won a district category (casual, dressy, formal, specialty) in the buying or construction division may enter the Natural Fiber Competition at State 4-H Roundup if the Texas Natural Fiber eligibility requirements are met. The 4-Her does not have to be the first place winner of the natural fiber division at district to enter the state natural fiber competition. The 4-Her winning the district natural fibers contest advances to State only if the 4-Her also won the category of casual, dressy, formal or specialty in the buying or construction division.

Objectives

- To encourage the study, promotion, and use of cotton, wool and mohair, the natural fibers produced in Texas.
- To recognize 4-H members who do outstanding work in a clothing project that includes the study of cotton or wool and mohair.
- To recognize 4-H members who use their knowledge of natural fibers to sew or buy garments or ensembles that contain 60 percent or more cotton fiber, wool fiber, or wool and mohair fibers.

Eligibility Requirements

Contestant must meet all requirements for the Texas 4-H Fashion Show and must wear an ensemble that meets the fiber content requirements for the fiber competition being entered. The garment or ensemble must meet one of the following criteria:

- A complete outfit, except for a blouse or shirt under the garment, is made of eligible fashion fabric. Example: Jacket and pants made of wool. Shirt or blouse does not need to be made of wool.
- A full length coat made of eligible fashion fabric. It may be worn over a garment of any fiber content.

Lining fabric, interfacing fabric, and trims are not required to meet the fiber content requirements.

The contestant must submit a Texas Natural Fiber Competition Entry Form, a copy of the Fashion Show Information Sheet showing that the natural fiber was studied during the project, and a copy of the Division Worksheet (Buying or Construction).

Once a contestant has won first place in one division (Wool/Mohair or Cotton), he/she is no longer eligible to compete in that division.

Cotton Fiber Content Requirements

Each garment entered must contain a minimum of 60% cotton.

Wool/Mohair Fiber Content Requirements

Each garment entered must contain a minimum of:

- 60% wool and 40% other fiber
- 60% mohair and 40% other fiber
- 60% blend of the two fibers and 40% other fiber

100% wool/mohair blend is also acceptable.

Judging Criteria

If the Information Sheet and Division Worksheet do not show that the entry meets the eligibility requirements, the entry will be disqualified.

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The contestant's information sheet, worksheet, and interview will be used to evaluate knowledge about the fiber's characteristics, uses in apparel, and ability to apply knowledge to the selection process. The contestant will model the garment for evaluation of the appearance, fit, fashionability. Evaluation will be by a panel of judges. The value of each set of criteria will be:

- Quality of project activities and written materials of the natural fiber of their entry: 15%
- Knowledge of fiber characteristics and uses of the natural fiber of their entry: 40%
- Ability to apply knowledge: 30%
- Appearance, fit, and fashionability: 15%

A panel of judges will evaluate and score the entries. If ties should occur, the ties shall be broken using partial scores in the following order:

1. Knowledge of fiber characteristics and uses subtotal score.
2. Ability to apply knowledge subtotal score.
3. Appearance, fit, and fashionability subtotal score.
4. Garment is well made.