

Texas 4-H Duds to Dazzle

Solo Showcase Invitational



RULES OF PLAY

1. Contestants will report to the designated location for check-in.
2. An orientation will be provided for all participants.
3. No electronic devices or jewelry (except for medically required) is allowed in the contest. This includes cell phones, smart watches, or other communication devices.
4. Each participant will be directed to a construction station. **Participants may set up their workstations before the contest begins.** There will be collections of materials at each station, but no pattern. The materials following categories: Wearable, or Non-wearable.
5. Start-up item or items, worksheet, and any necessary additional instructions will be located at each station to assist the participant.
6. Each participant will have 1 hour (60 minutes) to construct an item, plan a presentation, and clean up the construction area.
7. Only participants and contest officials will be allowed in construction areas.
8. Individuals that may experience any equipment malfunction(s) may not replace the equipment with supplies from another participant, volunteers, County Extension Agents, or contest officials. Instead, participants must be creative in completing construction without malfunctioning equipment.
9. Each participant will be provided with a startup textile item(s) for their assigned category and will create a garment/item using them. Each category may be provided with the same textile, or each category may receive a separate original item.
Clarification: *at contest, all individuals competing in Wearable may receive a men's button-down dress shirt and the individuals entered in the non-wearable category are given table runners or every individual competing in Solo Showcase is provided with an adult-sized t-shirt to refurbish. The choice is at the discretion of the contest officials.*
10. Individuals are challenged with being creative in developing an original product with the materials provided.
 - a. Individuals must incorporate each material into the product. However, they may determine the exact amount of each material to use, keeping in mind that a minimum of 50% of the visible final product must include the initial material(s). Clarification: if the category is wearable and the participant is provided a cloth shower curtain as the original item to be refurbished, they do not have to use 50% of the shower curtain. If you choose to make a purse from the shower curtain, you do not need to use 50% of the shower curtain; however, a minimum of 50% of the visible finished purse must be comprised of the curtain. The lining of the purse that can be opened is considered visible. If the shower curtain is used as stabilizer between layers of fabric would not be visible.

- b. Participants will have access to a “closet” of additional materials that may be incorporated into their products. A **minimum of 2** items must be used from the “closet”. The number of additional materials a participant may get will be determined by contest officials and announced during participant orientation.
 - c. The sketch book, note cards, and worksheet may be used to prepare for construction of the item and the participant’s presentation. Individuals should be exact on materials utilized, construction steps, techniques used, etc.
11. When time is called, each participant will present their item, according to the criteria on the score card, to a panel of at least two judges. An individual can display the final product to the judges as they choose: model, hold, or place on the table.
- a. Judging time will include:
 - i. 3 minutes for the presentation
 - ii. 3 minutes for judges’ questions
 - iii. 4 minutes between presentations for judges to score and write comments.
 - b. Individuals are allowed the use of note cards during the presentation but should not read from them, as this minimizes the effectiveness of their communication.
 - c. Judges may ask questions that are related to the item constructed during the contest.
 - d. No talking or writing is allowed among any participants while waiting to give the presentation. Participants caught talking and/or writing will receive a warning. The second time, the individuals will be disqualified and asked to leave the contest facility. Participants should not have pens or pencils in their possession while waiting to give their presentation.
12. Participants must clean their construction areas. Clean-up time is included in the 60-minute construction allotment. Only “hot” items will be allowed to remain in the construction area, such as an iron or glue gun.
13. It is at the discretion of the contest officials if individuals will get to keep their finished products, or if the item will remain.
14. Placing will be based on ranking by judges. Judges’ results are final.
15. An awards program will be held after the judging process.