



Natural Fiber General Rules and Guidelines

OVERVIEW

The 4-H Fashion Show is designed to recognize 4-H members who have completed a Clothing and Textiles project. The following objectives are taught in the Clothing and Textiles project: knowledge of fibers and fabrics, wardrobe selection, clothing construction, comparison shopping, fashion interpretation, understanding of style, good grooming, poise in front of others, and personal presentation skills. 4-H members participating in the Natural Fiber Contest are encouraged to study, promote, and use cotton, wool, and mohair—natural fibers produced in Texas.

PURPOSE

The Fashion Show Natural Fiber Contest provides an opportunity for 4-H members to exhibit the skills learned related to Cotton and Wool/Mohair. It also recognizes 4-H members who do outstanding work in a clothing project that includes the study of cotton or wool and mohair.

FASHION SHOW NATURAL FIBER

4-H members who have competed in the County Natural Fiber Contest may enter the Natural Fiber Contest at District 9 4-H Roundup. If a participant is a district Fashion Show buying or construction winner and a district Natural Fiber winner, they may compete in both State contests.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements provide as fair an opportunity as possible for participation by as many outstanding 4-H members as possible. The requirements given below apply to senior members who plan to participate in the state contest. Failure to comply with the requirements will result in disqualification or penalty deductions from the final score.

1. Youth may participate in 4-H year from September 1st of grade three through August 31 following completion of grade twelve, with these age restrictions.

- Maximum age – 18 (as of August 31, 2020)

Juniors: Grades 3, 4, and 5

Intermediates: Grades 6, 7, and 8

Seniors: Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12

2. Participants must complete a 4-H clothing and textiles project between June 10, 2020, and the County contest in the 2020-2021 4-H year. All garments/ensembles to be judged must have been purchased (renting a garment is not permitted in the buying division) or constructed during participation in a 4-H clothing project between June 10, 2020, and the district contest in the 2020-2021 4-H year.

3. The Natural Fiber Contest has two categories: cotton and wool/mohair. Entry in the Natural Fiber Contest does not have to be the same entry as the Fashion Show Buying or Construction entry. The 4-H member must choose a category at the county level and compete in that category at all levels.



Accessories such as shoes, jewelry, hat, gloves, and scarfs may be changed, but changes must be included on the paperwork. The appropriate garment category should be determined by the style, fabric, and use of the garment. No one may change divisions or categories between district and state contests.

4. The garment selected can be constructed or purchased. A complete outfit, except for a blouse or shirt under the garment, is made of the eligible fashion fabric. Examples include jacket and pants made of wool, but shirt or blouse does not need to be made of wool; a full length coat made of eligible fashion fabric worn over a garment of any fiber content. Lining fabric, interfacing fabric, and trims are not required to meet the fiber content requirements.

5. Garments need to meet the specific requirements of either Wool/Mohair/Alpaca or Cotton. See the table below for specific requirements.

6. If the Fashion Show Natural Fiber Entry Form does not show that the entry meets the eligibility requirements, the entry will be disqualified.

Cotton	Each garment entered must contain a minimum of 60% cotton. Knowledge of fiber characteristics, production, and end use is required.
Wool/Mohair/Alpaca	Each garment entered must contain a minimum of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

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NECESSARY FORMS

The 2021 District 9 4-H Fashion Natural Fiber Entry Form is required for participants in the 2021 District 9 4-H Fashion Show.



JUDGING CRITERIA

Fashion Show Natural Fiber judging is based on the 2021 Fashion Show Natural Fiber Score Sheet. A panel of judges will evaluate and score the entries based on their Fashion Show paperwork and interviews.

Presentations will not be permitted during the interview judging. Each garment category will be judged separately. A participant receives a 5-point deduction for not following all Fashion Show requirements, which includes not completing all forms or illegible or incorrect forms, and missing orientation.

If ties should occur, the ties will be broken using partial scores in the following order.

1. Knowledge of fiber characteristics and uses sub-total score.
2. Ability to apply knowledge sub-total score.
3. Appearance, fit, and fashion sense sub-total score.
4. Garment is well made.



4-H Fashion Show – Natural Fiber Possible Interview Questions

Project goals and activities

- Describe your clothing and textiles project goals. Describe how your project goals guided your project work.
- Describe your clothing and textiles project activities. What was your favorite activity?
- How did you connect your clothing and textile project work with community service?
- What community service activities were you involved with?

Knowledge of fiber characteristics and uses

- Why is this fiber a good choice for your garment? Describe fiber characteristics that make it suitable for the intended use of the garment.
- How will you care for this garment? Is there any additional cost to consider when caring for this garment?
- What is the fiber content of your garment? Describe two qualities of each fiber.

Promotion of natural fiber

- How would you promote your natural fiber to others?
- How is use of natural fibers in clothing important to the Texas economy?
- Describe the process for taking your natural fiber and making it into cloth.

Appearance, fit and fashion ability

- How does this outfit meet your clothing needs?
- How often do you plan to use the outfit/accessories?
- Do you have a clothing budget?



2021 District 9 4-H Fashion Show Score Sheet Natural Fiber

Name: _____ County: _____ District: _____

Fiber Category: Cotton Wool/Mohair

Factors to Consider	Total Value	Comments	Actual Score
Project goals and activities (15%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project goals indicate project focus and direction 5 • Clothing and textiles activities adequate, consumer and life skills learned, suitable for experience level 5 • Demonstrates involvement in project 5 			
Knowledge of fiber characteristics and uses (40%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies fiber characteristics that are important in apparel 10 • Garment makes good use of fiber characteristics 10 • Knowledge of fiber, fabric, and garment care requirements 10 • Garment meets competition eligibility requirements 10 			
Promotion of Natural Fiber (30%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared knowledge of natural fiber with the public 10 • Understanding of fiber source and production process 10 • Involved in promotion of natural fiber use 10 			
Appearance, fit, and fashion ability (15%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garment is an appropriate fit for the body 5 • Garment and accessories fashionable and appropriate 5 • Modeling and presentation skills, poise, and grooming 5 			
Total Score	100		
Judge's Initials			