

Leavenworth County Fair 2026

4-H Sewing & Textile Design

Superintendent: Kathleen Heim

Event Judging: Friday, July 24th; 9:00am; Location: West Haven Baptist Church, Tonganoxie, KS 66086

Sewing and Textile Design This project will teach you the basics, such as sewing a pillowcase or shirt, learning different stitches or putting in a zipper. Learn to create and sew your own clothing and accessories while exploring the world of fashion and how to take the design of your choice and customize it for the perfect look, color and fit.

Rules

1. Read General Rules. Violation of any of the following rules may result in disqualification. All decisions will be made by a county agent and their decision is final.
2. All exhibitors must be enrolled in Sewing and Textile Design, and the exhibit must have been entered in the local county fair in the sewing and textile design project.
3. Articles, garments, outfits may have been used/worn but should be carefully laundered or cleaned before being exhibited.
4. Since care labels are not always available, NO care labels will not be required; however, 4-H members should know how to care for fabrics they purchase.
5. Pre-cut kits are acceptable for all clothing classes. All articles/garments must be finished for use.
6. Educational Exhibit Classes - Share with others what you learned in the Sewing and Textile Exhibits may be in the form of a poster, notebook or display. Follow copyright laws as explained in the General Rules as you are preparing your exhibit.
7. Take care to select durable materials that will withstand State Fair conditions. No card table displays are allowed. If the **exhibit is a poster**, it must not be larger than **22"x 28"**. If the **exhibit is a display**, maximum size is not to exceed a standard commercial **3' x 4' tri-fold display board**. Name and county must be clearly marked on educational exhibits.
8. Recycled Clothing Project – An item made of at least 50% recycled material (recycled means reusing an existing item in a new way). Could be remaking/ redesigning a garment, re-purposing a clothing item for a new use, etc. Must include sewing of some kind. An **index card** (no larger than **4"x6"**) **MUST** accompany entry describing the recycled materials and how they were used in the item.
9. Please remove scissors and shears from sewing boxes before displaying them at the fair.

10. 4-H clothing construction exhibits will be judged by consultation evaluation of the articles with the 4-H member and judge. Parents and leaders are welcome to listen in only. The judge will have the right to ask the 4-H'er to put on a garment of the judge's choice to check the fit. Refer to the 4-H newsletter for judging schedule.
11. Please refer to the fair schedule for day/time clothing exhibits will be accepted at fair.
12. Ribbons will be placed on all garments at the county fair. Garments must be exhibited at the fair to receive a ribbon.

Quota – Limit of three entries for construction, one recycled clothing project, and one entry for educational exhibit (Max. of five total entries). **For constructed garment classes, one entry is made for construction evaluation and another entry for modeling the garment within the 4-H Fashion Revue Event.**

DEFINITIONS FOR SEWING AND TEXTILE DESIGN

Article - An item constructed in a clothing project such as backpack, laundry bag, garment bag, PJ's holder, tent, sleeping bag, cape, hat, gloves, scarf, etc. Item can be handmade or machine sewn and can also include applique or machine embroidering on item they have made.

Garment - A garment can be a dress, coat, jumper, jumpsuit, skirt, vest, blouse, shirt, pair of slacks, etc.

Outfit - Two or more pieces that can be worn together at the same time, but not necessarily a complete outfit. Example: a vest and skirt.

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Educational Exhibit - Share with others what you learned in this project. Exhibits may be in the form of a poster, notebook or display. Follow copyright laws as explained in the General Rules. Take care to select durable materials that will withstand Fair conditions. No card tables allowed. Posters no larger than 22" x 28". Maximum size for a display is a 3' x 4' tri-fold display board.

Scoresheets, Forms, and Contest Study Materials:

- [Sewing and Textile Design Scorecard](#)
- [Recycled Clothing Scorecard](#)

Classes

4000 An article, garment, or outfit constructed by a 9 -11-year-old exhibitor

4001 Educational exhibit prepared by a 9 -11 exhibitor

4002 An article, garment or outfit constructed by a 12-14 exhibitor

4003 Educational exhibit prepared by a 12-14 exhibitor

4004 An article, garment or outfit constructed by a 15-18 exhibitor

4005 Educational exhibit prepared by a 15 to 18-year-old exhibitor)

4006 Recycled Clothing Project

4008: Educational Exhibit prepared by 7-8 year old exhibitor **(Not a State Fair Class)**

4009: Sewing Box **(Not a State Fair Class)** *First year seamstress only (regardless of age). Judged on content only. Box may be homemade or purchased.*

SHOPPING IN STYLE classes need to be entered in the Event Department, under 4-H SHOPPING IN STYLE. See 4-H SHOPPING STYLE Fair Book page.

Resources

- Project Page – [Sewing and Textile Design](#)
- [Sewing Expressions Curriculum](#)
- [STEAM Clothing Curriculum](#)