

2025 Natural Fiber Contest

(Attachment B)

Overview:

The 4-H Fashion Show is designed to recognize 4-H members who have completed a Fashion & Interior Design project. The following objectives are taught in the Fashion & Interior Design 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, promoting, and use cotton, wool and mohair – natural fibers produced in Texas.

Purpose:

The Fashion Show Natural Fiber provides an opportunity for 4-H members:

- Demonstrate knowledge Texas natural fibers (Wool/Mohair and Cotton).
- Demonstrate skills and knowledge of clothing construction and Consumerism.
- Demonstrate poise and confidence.
- Increase personal presentation skills.

Fashion Show Natural Fiber:

Senior 4-H members who have place first in the County Natural Fiber Contest may enter the Natural Fiber Contest at District. District winners in the Fashion Show category in buying or construction division are no longer able to compete in the Natural Fiber Contest, unless they win the District Natural Fiber Contest. If a participant is a District Fashion Show buying or construction winner and a District Natural Fiber winner, they may compete in both contests.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. **Age:** Age divisions are determined by a participant's age as of August 31 of the current 4-H year in accordance with what is stated in the current Texas 4-H Rules and Guidelines/District 12 4-H Guidelines.
 - a. ONLY Senior Division: 9th grade – 12th grade
2. **Participation:** Participants must complete a 4-H Fashion and Interior Design project between June 2024 and the District entry deadline, March 19, 2025. All garments/ensembles to be judged must have been purchased (renting a garment is not allowed in the buying division) or constructed during participation in a 4-H Fashion and Interior Design project between June 2024 and District entry deadline March 19, 2025.
3. **Fashion Show Natural Fiber Categories.** The Natural Fiber Contest has two categories: cotton and wool/mohair. Entry in the Natural Fiber is done by completing the Natural Fiber Entry form. The entry worn at the County contest must be the one worn at the District contest. Accessories such as shoes, jewelry, hat, gloves, and scarves may be changed, but changes must be included

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in the paperwork. No one may change divisions or categories between County, District and State contests.

4. **Fashion Show Natural Fiber can be constructed or purchased.** The garment selected can be constructed or purchased.
5. **Fiber Requirements:** Garments need to meet the specific requirements of either Wool/Mohair/Alpaca or Cotton. If the clothing does not meet the minimum requirements, the participant will be disqualified.

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

Wool Example 1: Jacket and pants made of wool, but shirt or blouse does not need to be made of wool.

Wool Example 2: A full-length coat made of eligible natural fabric worn over a garment of ant fiber content.

Cotton Example: Denim jeans with a cotton blouse and jacket need to be made from fabric with a minimum of 60% cotton.

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

6. **Participation in Fashion Show:** Participants must be present for all District 12 Fashion Show Judging including wearing your item of clothing during the interview process. A complete schedule will be sent to County Extension Agents before the day of the event.
7. **Fashion Show Registration and Paperwork:** District 12 4-H Fashion Show Natural Fiber guidelines and entry form can be found on the District 12 4-H website and on 4-H Online. ONLY seniors are required to complete any and all paperwork and upload it to 4-H Online during the registration process. Please ensure the correct paperwork is for the correct contest the participants are participating in.
8. **Alternates:** An alternate cannot participate in the District 4-H Fashion Show Natural Fiber unless approved by the County Extension Agents and District 12 4-H Specialist. Notice must be made by the entry deadline.

Judging Criteria:

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1. **Introduction/Presentation:** Each contestant will start by introducing themselves and model their garment for the judges. Participants will then provide a 5-minute presentation to the judges. During the presentation, the participants need to describe their project activities, outfit selection, construction or buying skills and their knowledge of fiber and fabrics. Prior to competing the participant should review the contest scoresheet to see that areas will be judged.
2. **Question and Answer:** Judges will have the opportunity to ask each participant questions from the list of contest questions as well as questions related directly to the participant's garment or project experiences.
3. **If a tie should occur, the ties will be broken using partial scores in the following order:**
Promotion of Natural Fiber sub-total, Knowledge of fiber characteristics uses sub-total score, interview sub-total score.