

4-H NEEDLEWORK EXHIBIT SCORECARD KNITTING & CROCHETING

Examine and evaluate each article for the components listed below. The whole exhibit is more important than its parts. Evaluate items against the standard (*Standards of Quality in Crafts*, EM4720 and *Quality Standards in Clothing Construction*, PNW0197). Personal likes and dislikes must not influence the decision. After judging each component, place a check in the appropriate column; blue, red, white. If the article does not have the component listed, leave the column blank. Provide comments whenever a check is placed in the red or white category. After judging is complete, assign a ribbon placing.

Junior _____

Intermediate _____

Senior _____

	Blue	Red	White	Judge's Comments
Overall appearance				
Harmony of pattern, yarn/thread, and & trim				
Color coordination				
Care instructions included				
Properly blocked				
Tension uniform				
Knitting/Crochet stitches				
Yarn/thread ends inconspicuous				
Carried yarns				
Seam finish				
Hand/Machine stitching				
Ribbing				
Edges				
Fasteners				
Trims, tassels, pompons				
Sleeves, armholes				
Other details—pockets, collars, ties, etc.				
RIBBON (Circle one)	B	R	W	
Blue—Excellent, meets Quality Standards;				Red—Good, needs improvement;
				White—Fair, needs much improvement

Judge's Initials _____

STANDARDS TO CONSIDER WHEN SCORING

OVERALL APPEARANCE	Clean, neat, ready to use or wear.
HARMONY OF PATTERN, YARN/THREAD, & TRIM	Pattern, yarn/thread, trim, and fasteners suited to the design. Pattern stitch/design enhances structural lines of item, correct size needle or hook used with yarn to create pattern stitch.
COLOR COORDINATION	Colors harmonize; same dye lot used.
CARE INSTRUCTIONS	Correct and complete care information given. Instructions are written and included with garment or item if a care label is not sewn in. If label is sewn in, it is easy to find and comfortable to wear.
PROPERLY BLOCKED	Blocked uniformly, properly shaped, smooth, flat, texture of yarn/thread retained. Blocking enhances detail of design.
TENSION UNIFORM	Even, smooth appearance. Knitting: cast-on stitches/bound-off stitches. Crochet: chain, ring, ending stitches-even, smooth, flexible. Correct elasticity for item.
KNITTING/CROCHET STITCHES	Even, uniform. No split yarns, no holes, no dropped or twisted stitches. Increase/decrease neat and smooth.
YARN/THREAD ENDS INCONSPICUOUS	Joined or woven securely, inconspicuously. Ends worked in. No loose yarn ends, no obvious knots.
CARRIED YARNS	Neat, smooth, and not too tight.
SEAM FINISH	Smooth, flat, secure, free from puckers, free from bulk. Corresponding sections match at seams. Stretch allowed where needed. Seams reinforced where needed to prevent stretching.
HAND/MACHINE STITCHING	Even tension, even stitch length, smooth, flexible but firm.
RIBBING	Even, correct elasticity for item.
EDGES	Smooth, neat, straight, flat.
FASTENERS	Appropriate for the garment, design, and yarn/thread. Buttonholes are reinforced to hold shape, evenly spaced, same size, and properly placed and securely attached.
TRIMS, TASSELS, POMPONS	Applied securely and evenly, uniform in size.
SLEEVES, ARMHOLES	Smooth, free from bulk.
OTHER DETAILS-POCKETS, COLLARS, TIES, ETC.	Neat, smooth, functional. Left and right sides even, if designed to be.

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