

CREATIVE SEWING (FEMALE ONLY)

Students develop practical, real-life sewing skills by learning and applying basic techniques through this event. Creative Sewing includes small, sewn, non-garment items created by the contestant. These projects should demonstrate careful sewing technique, creativity, and finishing skills on a smaller scale than garments or quilts. This category is intended for items such as stuffed animals, decorative pillows, pillowcases, hand towels, small bags, aprons, household fabric items, and similar craft-type sewing projects.

Items must be primarily constructed using fabric and sewn by hand or machine. Creative Sewing entries **may not** be garments (see Garments categories) and **may not** qualify as Quilts.

Example Entries:

- Stuffed fabric items (e.g., teddy bear, doll, soft toys)
- Decorative pillows or pillowcases
- Aprons (full or half apron)
- Tote bags, pouches, drawstring bags
- Table runners, placemats, fabric organizers
- Small fabric home-decor projects
- Seasonal fabric decor (e.g., Christmas, autumn, patriotic)
- Bible covers

(Examples are not exhaustive. Projects must follow all Needle and Thread standards. See page V-1 of the *Student Convention Guidelines*.)

CREATIVE SEWING JUDGING CRITERIA

Areas of Evaluation

	POSSIBLE POINTS
Pattern Submitted (if applicable)	(1-5)
Creativity —Pattern changes, color changes, originality, functionality	(1-15)
Overall beauty —Choice and coordination of fabrics, embellishments, design	(1-15)
Construction quality —Machine/hand stitching, detail, accuracy, durability	(1-20)
Seam finish —Appropriate and neat finishing techniques	(1-10)
Finishing details —Stuffing, closures, pressing, edging, appearance	(1-15)
Difficulty —Complexity of design and techniques used	(1-15)
Proper documentation submitted	(1-5)
TOTAL POINTS	(100)