

Ashtabula County 4-H Clothing Judging
Review the County 4-H Guidelines for event information.

Please review the following information to help you prepare for judging.

If you cannot attend judging on that day, you must make arrangements for an alternative day and time, and are ineligible for State Fair.

What to bring:

- Project and all accessories
- Completed Project Book, Signed upon Completion
- Pattern envelope with instructions (pattern pieces are not necessary)
- Completed Style Revue Narration Card
 - o This must be typed. It can be completed online and printed. The form can be found at Ashtabula.osu.edu

When you Arrive:

- Go to the Expo Building, and sign in with the appropriate project. Change into your project outfit. Hand in your TYPED narration. Have a seat and wait for your number to be posted.
- The changing area is an open area. Do not bring in male friends or relatives. If you feel uncomfortable changing in front of others, wear appropriate undergarments, or have someone bring a sheet to hold in front of you. The restroom is also available for changing.
- You will be meeting with a judge who will ask questions about your project, look over your project, and review your project book and pattern.
- After you are done being judged, change out of your project, and you are free to go.
- You can then go home to prepare for Style Review that evening

During Judging

- A. Introduce yourself
 - a. Eye contact
 - b. Smile
 - c. Hand the judge your paperwork
 - d. Handshake is optional
- B. Judging
 - a. Answer the questions clearly and completely without rambling.
 - b. Try not to repeat yourself.
 - c. Avoid using slang.
 - d. If you are not sure of what the judge is asking, tell her you do not understand the question or ask for the question to be rephrased.
 - e. If there is something about your project that you are especially proud, and the judge has failed to ask about it, take a moment at the end to ask permission to tell her about it. The judge will be glad you did.
- C. Modeling
 - a. Keep it simple
 - b. Keep it natural.
 - c. Smile, Smile, Smile!
- D. Closure
 - a. Make eye contact with the judge.
 - b. Smile and say thank you.



4-H Style Revue

What to bring:

- Project and all accessories
- Smile on your face!

What to expect:

- When you arrive, check in at the table. You will be given a number to pin on your outfit.
- Proceed to the changing area to change. The changing area is an open area. Do not bring in male friends or relatives. If you feel uncomfortable changing in front of others, wear appropriate undergarments, or have someone bring a sheet to hold in front of you.
- Go into the hall to find out when your group will be lining up.
- All members will have their photo taken before modelling.
- You will be modeling on the stage. If you arrive early, you will have an opportunity to go on stage and practice before 6:45 pm.
- Stay in your outfit until the winners from your class are called. If you are a finalist, you will proceed to the stage to get a ribbon and for the judges to have one last look.
- Youth with multiple projects will have the flexibility to change before their next class.

State Fair Finalists will be posted on the Ashtabula County web site. Go to <http://ashtabula.osu.edu> & then click on the State Fair Qualifiers link and check out the spreadsheet with the winner's names.

General Notes

- Do Not wear your outfit for the day– only for judging and style review. It needs to remain clean and intact.
- Do Not wear your outfit before fair. The outfits will be displayed in the Fair Booth and need to be clean and intact.
- Please call with any questions!
- Every member is judged individually and receives a blue, red or white ribbon. Anyone who receives a perfect score of 100% receives a “Sew Well Done” ribbon.
- During Style Review, members are judged against one another for selection to show at the Ohio State Fair.

Before you go to Judging

- A. Project Book
 - a. Complete
 - b. Neat
 - c. Check spelling
 - d. Include samples, swatches, and photographs
 - e. Fill in the self-judging section
- B. Fabric
 - a. Know fiber content
 - b. Know weave of fabric
 - c. Know laundering instructions
- C. Pattern
 - a. Review guide sheet, know what you did and how you did it, and in some cases “why” you did it
 - b. Review garment description
 - c. Review fit description
 - d. Note changes you made in design and construction technique
- D. Pack for Judging
 - a. At least the night before
 - b. Take scissors and a needle and thread
 - c. Cover garments to protect from bad weather, dust, etc.
 - d. Do a head to toe, from skin out checklist
- E. Get a good night’s sleep
- F. Pay more attention to grooming than usual. Think “Sunday Best”.

Basic Key Questions

These are just some basic questions which might be asked during judging. Anything from your book is fair game.

1. Tell me about your outfit.
2. Why did you select this project?
3. Where will you wear your outfit?
4. What was the most challenging or difficult part in the construction of your garment/project?
5. What do you like best about your outfit/project?
6. Did you do a seam finish? Or, how did you finish your seams?
7. Did you/where did you use interfacing?
8. What kind of interfacing did you use?
9. Why did you use interfacing?
10. Did you clip any seam allowances? Where? How?
11. Did you grade any seam allowances? Where? How?
12. What is the straight of grain?
13. What is the selvage?
14. Did you press? When?
15. Did you/how did you pre-laundry/prepare your fabric?
16. What kind of hemstitch did you use?
17. How did you put in the elastic?
18. How did you put in the zipper?
19. How did you sew on your buttons?
20. What were your previous sewing projects?
21. What is the fiber content of your fabric?
22. What type of fabric is this?
23. What stitch length did you use?
24. What were your goals this year?
25. What did you do or make to reach those goals?
26. What did you learn?
27. What was the biggest challenge you faced?
28. What would you change?