



Outagamie County 4-H Clothing Project Newsletter

March 2021

Can you believe it is March already? Have you started your clothing projects yet?

UPDATE ON the CLOTHING REVUE – the Clothing Revue will be held at the fair this year. You will be able to enter your garment to be judged on construction. Then on Sunday, you will be able to get the garment from where it is displayed and then wear it for the Revue. You will need to enter the Revue when you do your online fair entries.

The Revues will begin Sunday on the Action Center Stage at 1 p.m. Foods Revue participants will go first. We will contact all participants regarding time once entries are in and we have a chance to schedule everyone a time. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne or Tammy.

**If you like sewing tutorials –
check out
Sewing with Nancy
tutorials.**

Sewing Creativity

Have you wondered what that little compartment is for? 😊

Dates to Remember:

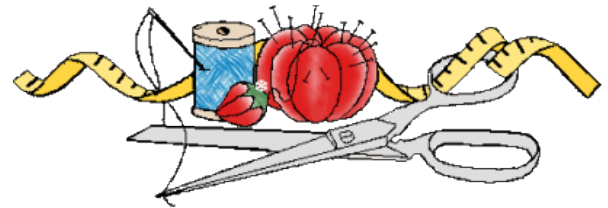
April 15 – Online fair entries will open

May 25 – Entries close

July 20 – Entry day

Beginner Sewing Project ideas:

Pillowcase, simple tote bag, pillow, or a skirt with elastic waistband.



Clothing Committee Members – if you have questions, please feel free to contact us!! We are here to help.

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NOTE – We did add a couple of lots for machine embroidery!

Lot 30 – Something you made that you have machine embroidered on

Lot 31 – Machine embroidery on a purchased item

Jeanne's Corner...

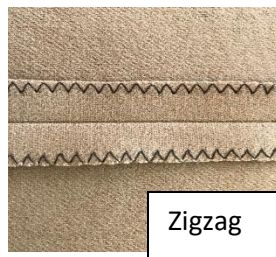
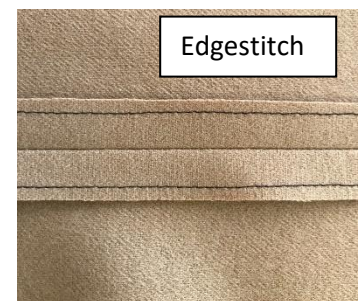
Over the years I have been asked "What is the 4-H way?" The answer is what is the best construction technique for the fabric and the garment that is being constructed. This month I will share construction tips on seams and seam finishes.

Seams join two fabric pieces together. Most beginners will be working with woven fabric. It's best to have 10-12 stitches per inch. (To find what number that is on your machine, stitch on a scrap piece of fabric and then count how many machine stitches in an inch.) To make a seam put right sides of fabric together, match notches, pin at a right angle to edge of fabric, backstitch at beginning and end. Most seams are 5/8" but some are 1/4". Check seamline on pattern. A good seam is smooth, even width and pressed. Most seams are pressed open.

For more experienced sewers there are other choices of seams depending on the type of fabric, garment use and care, and equipment available. If you have a serger you will be able to serge the seams. Sewing with a delicate lightweight fabric like chiffon or organza, then a French seam would be a good choice. Flat felled seams are used on jeans and garments with tough wear.

Seam finishes are done to prevent fraying or raveling with wear and washing. Most seam finishes are done on a single thickness of fabric. Choices include:

Edgestitch – straight stitch about 1/4" from the cut edge.



Zigzag – zigzag the edge of the fabric. Use a medium width zigzag stitch and a short stitch length. Best to use on medium to heavy fabric. If it puckers, choose another seam finish.

Another seam finish is pinking. Pinking does not wash and wear well as a seam finish and takes longer than the edgestitch or zigzag. Think what is the best choice for your fabric and garment before pinking.

For more advanced projects, like an unlined jacket look for seam finishes that don't have a raw edge try turning under a 1/4" or bound seam.





Outagamie County Fair's Premium Book pages for Clothing...

Department 126 – Clothing

Face-to-Face Judging on Tuesday Noon – 6 PM

- Open to youth enrolled in 4-H Clothing project or youth of other groups doing equivalent work.
- No more than 6 entries per exhibitor. 1 per lot.
- All garments must be pinned to wire hangers. No hangers will be provided. Place hook toward entry tag.
- Entry tags must be securely attached on the per left side of garment as worn.
- All articles must be made by the exhibitor. Consumer items may be purchased.
- See Poster rules, if applicable.

Premiums: \$2.50 - \$2.25 - \$2.00 - \$1.75

CLASS A – Sewing

Lot Numbers

1. Article for self (scarf, apron, etc.)
2. Article made for the home (oven mitt, place mats, etc.)
3. Article using quilting techniques
4. Coat
5. Costume
6. Dress
7. Dress for special occasion
8. Garment bag/travel bag
9. Jacket
10. Jumper
11. Pants or jeans with zipper
12. Pillow
13. Quilt, any size
14. Restyled or reconstructed clothing item
15. Shirt with set-in sleeves and collar
16. Shorts or slacks
17. Skirt
18. Sleepwear (pajamas, nightgown, or robe)
19. Slippers (pin together with 1 safety pin)
20. Sweatpants
21. Sweatshirt
22. Three-piece outfit
23. Top with sleeves
24. Top without sleeves
25. Tote bag
26. T-shirt
27. Two-piece dress, top and skirt to match
28. Two-piece outfit
29. Vest
30. Sewn article with machine embroidery
31. Purchased article with machine embroidery
32. Any other sewn article
33. Any other sewn article
34. Any other sewn article
35. Poster describing one specific sewing technique
36. An exhibit of an outfit using any clothing and accessory items to make a total look outfit (attach card explaining cost and where it will be worn)
37. Scrapbook, poster, report, display, or photo story "Putting on the Ritz". Plan and describe what you would wear for a special occasion (wedding, prom, family portrait, etc.)
38. Display a sports outfit. Pick your favorite sport and dress for the occasion. Shoes and equipment may be a picture, but the outfit should be on a hanger. This outfit may be sewn, purchased, or a combination. Include a written explanation of your choices.



Department 126 – Clothing Revue

Judging will be held prior to the fair

- Judging is held at the fair. **NEW – more information will be coming!!**
- Clothing members will receive a mailing with more information.
- Item may also be entered in appropriate lot (1-36) to be judged at the fair.
- Be sure to include this entry with your fair entries to receive a premium.

Premiums: \$3 - \$2.75 - \$2.50 - \$2.25

CLASS B – Clothing Revue

Lot Numbers for **Grades 3-5**

101. Top or shirt (no halter tops)
102. Skirt
103. Slacks or shorts
104. Sleepwear
105. Sun dress or jumper
106. Dress
107. Two-piece outfit
108. Vest
109. Any other item not listed above

Lot Numbers for **Grades 6-8**

110. Top or shirt (no halter tops)
111. Vest
112. Skirt
113. Slacks or shorts
114. Sleepwear
115. Sun dress or jumper
116. Dress
117. Loungewear
118. Two-piece outfit
119. Three-piece outfit
120. Any other item not listed above

Lot Numbers for **Grades 9 and up**

121. Sleepwear
122. Beachwear
123. Sun dress
124. Dress
125. Loungewear
126. Active Sportswear – at least 2 pieces
127. Special occasion dress – knee length
128. Special occasion dress – long
129. Two or three-piece outfit
130. Coat (outerwear)
131. Suit with skirt or pants
132. Garment for another individual
133. Any other item not listed above

