# Textile Arts

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIXTH

## NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

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Grand Island, NE

# Join the Textile Arts Department in celebrating "Showcase Your Fair Face" at the 2025 Nebraska State Fair.

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## Important Dates

- Entry Deadline: Tuesday, August 5, at 11:59 pm
- Exhibit Delivery: Wednesday, August 13, 3 pm – 8 pm
  - Thursday, August 14, 8 am – 3 pm
- Exhibit Release: Monday, September 1, 6 pm – 8 pm. **Early Release is Prohibited.**
  - Tuesday, September 2, 8 am – noon.

Exhibits not picked up during the above designated times or with insufficient payment for return shipment must be retrieved from the Nebraska State Fair office, 501 E Fonner Park Rd, Ste 200, Grand Island NE 68801 by Friday, October 24th. After that, items will be donated to charity.

**Textile Arts Department Divisions**

- Textile Arts is the use of fibers (plant, animal, & synthetic), yarns, or fabrics to construct practical or decorative items.
- Divisions 5201-5208 based on traditional textile art techniques and "new" trends. In most cases a pattern (beginning, intermediate, or advanced) guides the construction of the item.
- Division 5209 Junior & Senior Youth (ages 5-18) and Division 5210 Senior Adult (65 and older) offer classes for traditional techniques.
- Division 5211 Senior Living Communities.
- Division 5291 Best in County Contest. Each county may enter their one top county fair textile arts exhibit in the contest.

## Class Premiums and Overall Awards

The judge may but is not required to award all the placings offered in class. It is the intention of Fair Management that no premium or distinction of any kind be given to any exhibit deemed unworthy by the judge.

### The premiums and special awards listed below are paid by the Nebraska State Fair

| Place | Ribbon | Divisions 5201-5210 | Divisions 5391 Best in County |
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| 1 | Blue | $15 | $30 and a rosette |
| 2 | Red | $10 | $25 and a rosette |
| 3 | White | $8 | $20 and a rosette |
| 4 | Pink | | $15 and a rosette |
| 5 | Yellow | | $10 and a rosette |

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| Best of Show Overall from Divisions 5201-5210 | $55 and a rosette |
| Reserve Best of Show Overall from Divisions 5201-5210 | $40 and a rosette |
| Best Overall Exhibit in each Division 5201-5210 | $30 and a rosette |
| Reserve Best Overall Exhibit in each Division 5201-5210 | $15 and a rosette |
| Judge's Choice in each Division 5201-5210 | $15 and a rosette |

## Sweepstakes Sponsored by Grand Island Casino Resort

These are based on a point system. 1st place – 5 points, 2nd place – 3 points, and 3rd place – 1 point.
Best of Show – 15 points, Reserve Best of Show – 12 points, Best of Division 10 points, Reserve Best of Division 7 points.
Note: If an exhibitor wins for 2 consecutive years, they will be ineligible to win for the following 2 years.

1st place - $300
2nd place - $200
3rd place - $100

The first-place winner will then go in for a people's choice Overall Sweepstakes Winner receiving a plaque and their name engraved on a trophy that will be displayed each year during the fair. The voting will begin the final weekend of the fair after all static events are complete. It will be a google form that you will use an email address to submit a vote.

Judging results will be available at www.statefair.org. Select "Menu", "Agriculture & Competitive Exhibits", "Open Class Competitive Exhibits", and then scroll down to Textile Arts.

## Department Rules

It's the Exhibitor's responsibility to be familiar with the **General Rules & Regulations** linked here which apply to all Nebraska State Fair open class departments of Competitive Exhibits and to the specific rules for each department.

**Additional Rules Specific to the Textile Arts Department are:**
- All exhibits must be ready to be used by the individual or in the home. No unfinished exhibits will be allowed.
- Competition is limited to Nebraska residents only.
- With the exception of division 5291 (Best in County Contest), entry of item in a county fair is not a prerequisite.
- All items must be the work of one exhibitor, except for quilted by another person classes 0206, 0209, and 0211 in Division 5202 Sewing for the Home.
- All items must be clean, odor free, and in consideration of people with pet allergies free of pet hair.
- All work must have been completed in the last three years.
- Any item previously entered in the Textile Art Department may not compete again in Textile Arts.
- An exhibitor can enter up to two different items in the same class. The same item cannot be entered in more than one class.
- The exhibitor selects the division and class for entry. However, the superintendent may move an item to a different class to comply with the class description.
- Youth and Senior Adults may enter an item in Division 5201-5208 or in their respective age-restricted Division but

not the same item in both places.
- Brith date is required on the entry form for age-restricted classes only (Division 5209 & 5210). Enter appropriate class based on exhibitors age as of January 1st, 2025.
- Entries using commercial patterns, portions of commercial patterns, or replications of other's work are not considered original designs.
- Label exhibits with name and contact information.
- Information cards (3"x5", 4"x6", or 5 ½" x 8 ½") give the judge details to help them fairly evaluate an exhibit.
- Whether a card is optional or required will be noted in each division. Entries being considered for a ribbon placing without a required information card will be lowered one placing.
- Do not include newspaper articles and county ribbons. Include photographs only when requested.
- Removal of items prior to release time set by the Nebraska State Fair is prohibited and will result in the loss of premiums.
- Sewing from Home – all items must be made of three layers (top, filling, back) held together with thread, string, or machine quilting that goes through all three layers. Any item with a design that makes it suitable for a wall hanging will not be acceptable in Textile Arts and will need to be entered in the 3-layer wall hanging division in the Quilts Department.

## Entering Exhibits – The deadline is Tuesday, August 5, at 11:59 pm.

Exhibitors may purchase $5 Exhibitor Gate Tickets. A maximum of 5 exhibitor tickets per family is allowed. No refunds will be given on any unused or lost tickets. To purchase these tickets, go to https://bit.ly/3DdaaKm and use password CVENT. Exhibitor tickets go off sale Thursday August 21, 2025 at 11:59pm.

Please note that daily gate admission for seniors (age 60+) and kids (6-12) is $6 for any day of the fair. Find additional ticket deals and details at https://www.statefair.org/plan-your-visit/pricing/.

**Online Registration:** The most time and cost-efficient way to enter is online. Exhibitors can enter all their open-class exhibits and order exhibitor tickets (optional) in one session. Online entry begins around July 1. Instructions on how to enter online are found on the website www.statefair.org – Menu – Agriculture & Competitive Exhibits– Open Class Competitive Exhibits – Scroll down to Textile Arts – Online Entry

**Mail-In or In-Person Registration:** When using mail-in or in-person registration, the exhibitor must use a separate form for each department entered. Either print the entry form from the following link: 2025 Textile Arts Entry Form or request a form from the Nebraska State Fair Office, 501 E Fonner Park Rd Ste 200, Grand Island, NE 68801, Phone 308-382-1620.

Entry forms must be mailed, faxed, or delivered to the Nebraska State Fair. The deadline for Textile Arts is Tuesday, August 5, at 11:59 pm. Mail-in entry must be received by Tuesday, August 5th.

- Mailing Address: Nebraska State Fair, PO Box 1387, Grand Island, NE 68802-1387
- Fax: 308-384-1555
- In-person delivery: Nebraska State Fair, 501 E Fonner Park Rd Ste 200, Grand Island, NE 68801

## Guidelines for Completing Entry Form

- Enter all items you plan to bring. There is no entry fee. Items not brought will be deleted at the fair.
- Provide a description that gives identifying details to help locate the entry on sight. The description must not exceed 40 characters (letters, numerals, and spaces). Examples of suitable descriptions are listed under each division/category heading.
- Indicate plans for delivery and pick up of entries.
- Retain a copy of the entry form. A copy is required with each package mailed/shipped. For online registration: print either the entry receipt activity report or a packing/loading report. Package exhibits by department it is entered in. Do not package multiple departments together.

**Delivery of Exhibits – The deadline is Thursday, August 14, at 3 pm**

In Person: Deliver exhibits along with a copy of the entry form to the Textile Arts Department located in the 4-H FFA Fieldhouse. Use Gate 5 and you can enter the North or West doors.

There are two receiving dates this year: Wednesday, August 13, 3 pm - 8 pm, and Thursday, August 14, 8 am – 3 pm.

Ship by USPS, UPS, or FedEx: Refer to the Shipping Options for detailed instructions on packaging and where to send exhibits. A prepaid return label must be included if you wish for it to be shipped back.

**Return of Exhibits – Early release is prohibited.**

In Person: Items can be picked up Monday, September 1, 6 pm – 8 pm or Tuesday, September 2, 8 am – noon. You must sign the release list to collect your textile arts entries. If you mailed or shipped exhibits but wish to pick them up in person at the end of fair, you may do so with identification.

Shipping: Exhibitors who want items returned by mail or delivery service must make this notation on the entry from enclosed with exhibits. Exhibits will not be accepted or returned by COD. Refer to Shipping Options for return information.

# Divisions 5201 - 5211

## Division 5201: Sewing for Children and Adults
Garments, Accessories, and Toys.
**Guidelines:**
- Hang garments on a sturdy hanger. Place small items in a zip type bag
- Information card (3"x5", 4"x6", or 5 ½" x 8 ½") required in all classes.

**Include**
- Pattern/designer and/or kit
- Materials used
- Did you adapt the pattern, if so what did you do?

**For Children**
Examples of descriptions: (1) pink kitty puffy sleeve dress or (2) brown floppy eared furry dog
0101    Dress or Jumper
0102    Dress: List specific occasion
0103    Jacket or Coat
0104    Outfit (2 or 3 pieces)
0105    Accessory
0106    Toy, Stuffed Animal, or Doll
0107    Doll Wardrobe (2 or more outfits)
0108    Children's Party Clothes
0109    Other Technique, not listed

**For Adults**
Examples of descriptions: (1) red lace halter top, long/chiffon/skirt or (2) reversible blue daisy print sun hat
0111    Dress or Jumper
0112    Dress: List specific occasion
0113    Outfit (2 or 3 pieces)
0114    Jacket, Coat, or Suit
0115    Apron
0116    Bag or Purse
0117    Hat
0119    Other Technique, not listed

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## Division 5202: Sewing for the Home

Three-layer, two-layer, computerized machine embroidery, other

**Overall Division 5202 Guidelines:**
- Bed Runner: any length, maximum width 36 inches
- Exhibit must be a decorative or functional item for the home. Unless otherwise indicated the process should involve use of a sewing machine and/or serger.
- The work on the exhibit should be done by the exhibitor except for classes 0206, 0209, and 0211, machine quilted by another person.
- Embellishments such as decorative sewing machine stitching, buttons, and trims may be added.
- Hand stitches may be used for finishing or quilting.
- Information card (3"x5", 4"x6", or 5 ½" x 8 ½") required in all classes.

**Include**
- Pattern/designer and/or kit
- Materials used (fabric, batting, thread)
- Did you adapt the pattern, if so what did you do?

**Three-Layer Category**

Examples of descriptions: (1) 22x28 fall print log cabin MQ runner or (2) 4 strip-pieced batik MQ placemats

All items must be made of three layers (a top, a filling, and a back) held together with thread, string, or machine quilting that goes through all three layers. Any item with a design that makes it suitable for a wall hanging will not be accepted in this division. Enter three-layer wall hangings in the Quilt Department.

**Guidelines:**
- Information card (3"x5", 4"x6", or 5 ½" x 8 ½") required in all classes.
- For classes 0201-0206 select or design a pattern specifically for a long and narrow table runner. After the pattern if the item could be a wall hanging – for example, add triangles or half circles on both ends, alter direction of one-way blocks, or add another design feature that makes the design unsuitable for a wall hanging.
- Table runners must be a minimum of 20" in length and a maximum of 30" in width.
- A circular, square, or hexagonal topper must be a minimum of 14" in width (diameter or point to point).
- Three-layer category is for two-dimensional (length and width) items. Three-dimensional items (length, width, & depth/height) should be entered in miscellaneous category class 0249.
- From a design perspective any item that could hang on a wall will not be accepted.

0201    Table Runner, pieced
0202    Table Runner, pieced/appliqued
0203    Table Runner, with die/laser cut applique
0204    Table Runner, with computer machine embroidery/stitches
0205    Table Runner, with hand embroidery
0206    Any Table Runner, quilted by a 2nd person. Include person's name on information card
0207    Table Topper, pieced
0208    Table Topper, with die/laser cut applique
0209    Table Topper, quilted by a 2nd person, include person's name on information card
0210    Bed Runner
0211    Bed Runner, quilted by a 2nd person, include person's name on information card
0212    Set of Items for the Kitchen, e.g., set of placemats (2), potholders (2), tea towels (2), or hot dish mats, casserole cover (1), or other item (2)
0213    Christmas Tree Skirt
0219    Other Technique, not listed meeting all guidelines

**Two-Layer Category**
Example of a description: 60x70 recy/denim/patch/red back/tied

This category is for two-layer items, a front and back with no filling. Items include blankets, throws, coverlets, and wall hangings which may be held together with thread, string, or machine quilting. Backing may be flannel, minkie, fleece, or other. Computerized machine embroidery will also be accepted in two-layer category. Two-layer tied fleece blankets will not be accepted. See division 5208 Fiber Arts for wool/wool felt items.

**Guideline:**
- Information card (3"x5", 4"x6", or 5 ½" x 8 ½") required in all classes.
0221    Item using heavy material, e.g., jeans, denim, corduroy
0222    Item using lightweight material
0223    Item using knits, terry cloth, e.g., t-shirts, golf towels
0229    Other technique, not listed

**Computerized Machine Embroidery**
Examples of descriptions: (1) duck app on blue infant t-shirt, (2) happy snowman on white towel
**Guidelines:**
- Information card (3"x5", 4"x6", or 5 ½" x 8 ½") required in all classes.
**Include:**
- Design/pattern source
- Any editing of the design including changes in thread color
- Stabilizer(s) used
- Kind of thread
- Item, ready-made or constructed by exhibitor
- Other pertinent information
- Embroidery designs, sometimes called patterns, are created by a technique called digitizing. Embroidery designs/patterns can be purchased or created by an exhibitor with embroidery digitizing software.
- Classes 0231-0237 are for items embellished using a computerized sewing-embroidery machine. The item maybe ready-made or constructed by an exhibitor.
- When a computerized embroidery design is combined with other techniques the item should be entered in the appropriate division/class. For example, a quilted table runner combining fabric blocks with computerized embroidered blocks should be entered in the 3-layer category (class 0204).
0230    Table Runner, embroidery only
0231    Table Runner, applique or embroidery
0232    Table Topper, embroidery only
0233    Table Topper, laser cut or Cricut cut applique and embroidery
0234    Wall Hanging, small, embroidery only
0235    Wall Hanging, small, applique and embroidery
0236    Wall Hanging, large, embroidery only
0237    Wall Hanging, large, applique and embroidery
0238    Tea Towels, 2 or more
0239    Clothing Article
0240    Accessory
0241    Original Design on Item, digitized by exhibitor
0242    In-the-Hoop Item, e.g., key chains, tags, small bags, towel toppers, or stuffies
0243    3-D Items constructed totally from computer machines embroidered components
0244    Item using Computerized Embroidery Kit
0245    Other Technique, not listed

**Miscellaneous Category** – for items that do not fit in any of the above classes 0201-0244
Examples of descriptions: (1) 16x38 pillow w/pre-cut valentine app or (2) oval coiled pastel basket w/handles
0261    Pillowcases, pair with cuff
0262    Decorative Stuffed Animal/Doll
0263    Pillow
0264    Pillow, with die or laser cut applique
0265    Fabric Basket, any size, any technique
0266    Fabric Basket, no handles, any size, any technique
0267    Accessory made from Jelly Roll
0268    3-D Item, minimum of 16" in diameter or point to point. A 3-dimensional item has width, length, and depth/height. (i.e., the fold'n stitch wreaths, centerpieces, or toppers)
0270    Other Technique, not listed

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## Division 5203: Crochet

**Guidelines:**
- Crocheted items using plastic or non-fiber material should be entered in Visual Arts.
- Information card (3"x5", 4"x6", or 5 ½" x 8 ½") required in all classes.

**Include:**
- Fiber content of yarn(s) and % of reach
- Hook size
- Gauge
- Weight of yarn
- Pattern stitch
- Other pertinent information
- Yarn may be one color, variegated, or two or more colors
- Beads may be incorporated into any item
- All items crocheted then felted, should be entered in Division 5207 Weaving, Spinning, & Felting

**Garments**
Examples of descriptions: (1) child blue/hooded/jacket w/buttons or (2) gray men's vest w/blue/trim/buttons
0301    Infant or Child's Garment
0302    Adult's Jacket, Sweater, or Vest
0309    Other Technique, not listed

**Accessories**
Examples of descriptions: (1) sc blue socks w/red/toe/heel/cuff or (2) 70" royal blue chevron lace scarf
0311    Infant or Child's, 2 or more articles, e.g., bonnet, hat, cap, booties, shoes, or other
0312    Shawl, Stole, Shrug, Poncho
0313    Hat, Cap
0314    Headband or Warmers (ear, arm, neck, or leg)
0315    Gloves, Mittens
0316    Socks, Slippers
0317    Scarf
0319    Other Technique, not listed (if small, minimum of 6)

**Afghans/Throws**

Examples of descriptions: (1) 60x72 multi-color granny square afghan or (2) 30x40 red ribbed wh-chair lap robe

0321     Child Afgthan/Throw
0322     Adult Afghan
0323     Throw, Lap Robe
0329     Other Technique, not listed

**For the Home**

Examples of descriptions: (1) ecru lacy/thread 12 in doily or (2) gray puff/diamond pillow cover

0331     Kitchen Group, minimum of 3 items
0332     Doily or Centerpiece, up to 10" in diameter, single stitch type
0333     Doily or Centerpiece, up to 10" in diameter, multiple stitch type, list stitches on information card
0334     Doily or Centerpiece, 11-18" in diameter, single stitch type
0335     Doily or Centerpiece, 11-18" in diameter, multiple stitch type, list stitches on information card
0336     Doily or Centerpiece, over 18" in diameter, single stitch type
0337     Doily or Centerpiece, over 18" in diameter, multiple stitch type, list stitches on information card
0338     Table Covering, 24" or more in diameter
0339     Bed Linens, such as spread, coverlet, bed runner
0340     Bed Accessories, such as pillow, pillowcases (2), shams (2)
0341     Crocheted Edging attached to an Item, 1 inch or wider
0342     Doll or Doll Group, must use purchases figure(s)
0343     Animal or Animal Group
0344     Other Technique, not listed

**Miscellaneous**

Example of a description: powder blue knook scarf

0345     Arm Crocheted
0346     Knook Item
0349     Other Technique, not listed

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Best in Division $30 and rosette
Reserve Best in Division $15 and rosette
Judge's Choice $15 and a rosette

## Division 5204: Knitting

Hand knitting, lace knitting, advanced pattern, and other

**Guidelines:**

- Information card (3"x5", 4"x6", or 5 ½" x 8 ½") required in all classes.

**Include:**

- Fiber content of yarn(s) and % of each
- Needle/hook size
- Gauge
- Weight of yarn
- Pattern stitch
- Other pertinent information
- Yarn may be one color, variegated or two or more colors
- Items that are predominately (75% ore more) lace knitted should be entered in the lace knitting (LK) classes unless they are made using an advanced pattern technique (AP).
- All items knitted then felted should be entered in division 5207 Weaving, Spinning, & Felting
- Abbreviations:
  - HK: Hand Knitting with needles (flat or circular)
  - LK: Lace Knitting characterized by stable "holes" arranged with consideration of aesthetic value
  - AP: Advanced Pattern e.g., Fair Isle, Scandinavian, Intarsia, Argyle, color work, short rows, entrelac

**Garments**

Examples of descriptions: (1) HK ch's pink pullover w/cf celtic braid or (2) LK 6x60 scarf lace ribbon pat w/beads

0401    HK Child's Garment
0402    LK Child's Garment
0403    HK Adult Sweater, Jacket, or Vest
0404    LK Adult Sweater, Jacket, or Vest
0405    AP Adult Sweater, Jacket, or Vest
0406    HK Shawl, Stole, Shrug, or Poncho
0407    LK Shawl, Stole, Shrug, or Poncho
0408    AP Shawl, Stole, Shrug, or Poncho
0409    Other Technique, not listed

**Accessories**

Examples of descriptions: (1) HK slouchy cable knit red cashmere hat or (2) HK mis-matched scrappy pastel socks

0411    HK Child's Article(s)
0412    LK Child's Article(s)
0413    HK Hat or Cap
0414    LK Hat or Cap
0415    AP Hat or Cap
0416    HK Headband or Warmers (ear, arm, neck, or leg)
0417    HK Gloves or Mittens
0418    HK Socks or Slippers
0419    LK Socks or Slippers
0420    AP Socks or Slippers
0421    HK Scarf
0422    LK Scarf
0423    AP Scarf
0429    Other Technique, not listed

**Items for the Home**

Examples of descriptions: (1) 50x70 HK blue chunky cable blanket or (2) 14x14 HK garter stitch red pillow

0431    HK Infant Afghan or Blanket
0432    LK Infant Afghan or Blanket
0433    HK Adult Afghan, Lap Robe, or Throw
0434    LK Adult Afghan, Lap Robe, or Throw
0435    AP Adult Afghan, Lap Robe, or Throw
0436    Decorative Item for the Home, any technique
0437    Animal or Animal Group

**Other Knitting Techniques**

Examples of descriptions: (1) loom kinit slouchy/hat w/red/chunky/yarn or (2) MK cowl/rainbow colors

0441    Machine Knitted Item
0442    Loom Knitted Item
0443    Arm Knitted Item
0449    Other Technique, not listed

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Best in Division $30 and rosette
Reserve Best in Division $15 and rosette
Judge's Choice $15 and a rosette

## Division 5205: Lace Making

Bobbin lace, tatting, other lace

**Guidelines:**
- Beads may be used in any of the lace designs.
- Handmade lace embellished garments or accessories should be entered in division 5208 Fiber Art.
- Information card (3"x5", 4"x6", or 5 ½" x 8 ½") required in all classes. Attach to entry (may be displayed with entry).

**Include:**
- Pattern/design source
- Materials used i.e. needle and/or shuttle size, thread, etc

**Bobbin Lace**

Example of description: 2x8 pink BL bookmark/hearts/tassel

0501    Bookmark
0502    Motif or Lace Corner
0503    Round or Oval Item
0504    Jewelry, e.g., earrings, bracelet, necklace
0505    Picture – framed and/or matted
0509    Other Item, not listed

**Tatting**

Examples of descriptions: (1) tatted/beaded red dangle earrings or (2) tatted white cross, blue bkgd, framed

0511    Bookmark
0512    Motif Work – repeated design within pattern
0513    Picture, framed and/or matted
0514    Round or Oval Item
0515    Jewelry, e.g., earrings, bracelet, necklace
0519    Other Item, not listed

**Other**

Example of description: NL simple leaf, ecru

0529    Lace Making Technique, not listed

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Judge's Choice $15 and a rosette

## Division 5206: Stitchery

Hand embroidery, counted cross stitch, needlepoint, and other types.

**Guidelines for all stitchery classes:**
- All exhibits must be ready to be used by the individual or in the home. No unfinished exhibits will be allowed.
- Stitchery is the embellishment of fabric or other material with decorative stitching using a needle and thread.
- Beads, pearls, sequins, etc. may be incorporated into the item.
- Perimeter refers to the distance around the stitched piece and does not include the width of mat and/or frame or other display materials.
- All pictures, samplers, banners, and bell pulls must be ready to hang. Wires preferable to sawtooth hanger.
- Classes for computerized machine embroidery are in division 5202 Sewing for the Home classes 0231-0244.
- Information card (3"x5", 4"x6", or 5 ½" x 8 ½") required in all classes. Attach to entry (may be displayed with entry).

**For classes 0601-0629 and 0641-0649 include:**
- Pattern name and/or designer
- Fabric or other base for stitching, thread, and other materials used

- Techniques used
- Other pertinent information that talks about the piece and how it was created

**For classes 0630-0639 include:**
- See needlepoint category for required information list.

**Hand Embroidery**

Perimeter is the distance around the stitched area and does not include the width of mat and/or frame, or other display materials.

Examples of descriptions for entry form: (1) 6 tea towels w/fruit designs or (2) Bless our Home redwork on 14x14 pillow

0601  Embroidered Textile Set (on linen, muslin, cotton, blend, polyester, etc.)
0602  Embroidered Textile Item (on linen, muslin, cotton, blend, polyester, etc.)
0603  Framed Design, individual, perimeter up to 44"
0604  Framed Design, individual, perimeter 44" and over
0605  Framed Designs, set or group
0606  Wall Hanging, not in a frame, perimeter up to 44"
0607  Wall Hanging, not in a frame, perimeter 44" and over
0608  Pillow
0609  Other Technique, or style of finish, not listed


**Counted Cross Stitch**

Perimeter is the distance around the stitched area and does not include the width of mat and/or frame or other display materials.

Note: Exhibitor may choose to enter Christmas or other holiday items in appropriate class (0611-0622) or in Christmas class 0623 or other holiday class 0624, but only in one class.

Examples of descriptions for entry form: (1) 12x12 cardinal/holly on 14ct, framed or (2) apple blossom biscornu, 32ct, linen

0611  Framed Design, worked on up to and including 27 count (includes candle screen finish)
0612  Framed Design, worked on 28-34 count (includes candle screen finish)
0613  Framed Design, worked on 35-39 count (includes candle screen finish)
0614  Framed Design, worked 40 or higher count (includes candle screen finish)
0615  Hoop Finished, any size
0616  Hanging Ornament, any holiday, season, or event
0617  Perforated Paper, plastic, or wood (14 or 18 count)
0618  Wall Hanging, not in a frame, Banner, or Bell Pull
0619  Large Item, not in a frame, perimeter 36" or more, e.g., pillow or other stuffed/non-stuffed item
0620  Small Item, not in a frame, perimeter up to 36", e.g., box lid, flat fold, hornbook
0621  Small Item, stuffed, perimeter up to 36", e.g., biscornu, needle roll, pin cushion, pillow, scissor fob
0622  Set or Group of any Items
0623  Holiday, Christmas
0624  Holiday, other (list holiday)
0625  Greeting Card
0629  Other Technique, or style of finish, not listed


**Needlepoint**

Perimeter is the distance around the stitched area and does not include the width of mat and/or frame or other display materials.

**Guidelines:**
- Classes 0630-0637, 0639 are for needlepoint stitched on cotton or linen canvas. Class 0638 is for plastic canvas.
- All frames and bell pulls must be ready to hang.
- Information card (3"x5", 4"x6", or 5 ½" x 8 ½") required in all classes. Attach to entry (may be displayed with entry). Include**:**
  1. Design source (hand painted, printed, charted, free form)
  2. Type of canvas (i.e., mono, interlock, plastic, waste, or perforated)
  3. Mesh size
  4. Threads, fibers used
  5. Type of stitches

6. Other information pertinent to entry

Examples of descriptions for entry form: (1) 14x14 pillow, birds/blue bkgd, 13 mesh or (2) oval snowman Christmas ornament

0630     Small Item, e.g., case, ornament, bookmark, etc
0631     Small Beaded Item
0632     Framed Design, perimeter up to 36"
0633     Framed Design, perimeter 36" and over
0634     Bell Pull
0635     Pillow
0636     Stand-up Item(s), holiday
0637     Stand-up Item(s), other
0638     Any Item on plastic canvas (5, 7, 10 count)
0639     Other Technique, or style of finish, not listed

**Other Types of Stitchery**

Perimeter is the distance around the stitched piece and does not include the width of mat and/or frame or any other display materials.

Examples of descriptions for entry form: (1) 3 pastel smocked eggs w/bead or (2) 3 hardanger bookmarks w/tassels

0641     Hardanger, any item, any size
0642     Hardanger, with 2nd technique, any item
0644     Smocking, decorative item, e.g., Christmas ornaments, Easter eggs
0645     Smocking, on a garment
0646     Crewel, any size
0647     Blackwork (continuous stitching no cross stitch)
0648     Blackwork with cross-stitch
0649     Other Type/Style/Technique not listed, any item

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# Division 5207: Weaving, Spinning, and Felting

**Guidelines:**
- Information card (3"x5", 4"x6", or 5 ½" x 8 ½") required in all classes. Attach card to the exhibit with a piece of string/yarn or sew in tag

**Include:**
- Division and Class number
- Fiber content. If more than one fiber is used include % of each.
- Information requested specifically for weaving, spinning, & felting are noted in those categories.

**Abbreviations and Terms Used:**

LW – loom weaving
/ - or
HS – hand spun
HSY – hand spun yarn
HC – hand carded
CR – commercial roving
W – woven
m/w – made with
W/K/C – woven, knitted, crocheted
WPI – wraps per inch

**Weaving**
**Include:**
- Sett, epi, picks, type of loom, % of each fiber, pattern name when applicable

Examples of descriptions: (1) 18x68 HW blue shawl, hand twist'd fringe or (2) HW blk/white shawl w/wh/pearl/bead emb

| | |
|---|---|
| 0701 | Band Weaving or Kumihimo (finger weaving) Item |
| 0702 | Kitchen Linens |
| 0703 | Rugs |
| 0704 | Throw, Afghan, or Coverlet |
| 0705 | Item from Hand Dyed or Hand Spun Yarn |
| 0706 | Ethnic or historically inspired, shawl, rug, wall-hanging, etc and must include supporting information |
| 0707 | Accessories, personal |
| 0708 | Seasonal Decorations |
| 0710 | Other Technique, not listed |

**Spinning**
Hand Spun (HS) Skein – 75% wool or more
**Guidelines:**
- All entries should be in the form of skeins. Skein must be a minimum of 2 oz or 50 yards.
- All entries must be a minimum of 75% wool.
- Information card list ply and % of any other fibers

Example of description: HS sport/wt alpaca multi-color/2ply

| | |
|---|---|
| 0721 | HC, lace to DK, WPI: 13 and up |
| 0722 | HC, worsted to bulky, WPI: up to 12 |
| 0723 | CR, lace, WPI: 19 and up |
| 0724 | CR, sport/DK, WPI: 13-18 |
| 0725 | CR, worsted, WPI: 9-12 |
| 0726 | CR, bulky, WPI: <8 |
| 0729 | Other technique, not listed |

Hand Spun (HS) Skein – other
**Guidelines:**
- All entries should be in the form of skeins. Skein must be a minimum of 2 oz or 50 yards.
- Information card list ply and % of any other fibers

Example of description: HS sport/wt alpaca multi-color/2ply

| | |
|---|---|
| 0731 | Alpaca and/or Llama |
| 0732 | Hair and/or Fur |
| 0733 | Cellulose and/or 100% silk |
| 0734 | Novelty Yarn |
| 0735 | Skein made with hand spindle plus photo of fiber/spindle (note: do not include any other identifying items in photo) |
| 0739 | Other Technique, not listed |

**Felting**
Examples of descriptions: (1) crocheted gray/wool/felted slipper or (2) NF white/wooly/baby/lamb standing

| | |
|---|---|
| 0741 | Felting, non-woven article m/w fleece |
| 0742 | W/K/C Felted, any item |
| 0743 | Needle Felting, any item |
| 0744 | Accessories, personal or home decorations |
| 0749 | Other Technique, not listed |

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# Division 5208: Creative Fiber Art Techniques (CFAT)

Basketry, non-textile fiber, wool/felted item, rug making, creative fiber art techniques, fiber art dolls

**Guideline:**
- Entries in fiber arts must be constructed using 50% or more textile fibers, yarns, or fabrics. If the item is 50% or more paper, wood, and/or other non-textile fibers it should be entered in fine arts.

**Basketry**
**Guidelines:**
- Information card (3"x5", 4"x6", or 5 ½" x 8 ½") required in all classes. May be displayed with the item materials & technique, fiber content & description of processed used.
- The following classes are baskets made from traditional basket making materials (non-textile fibers), and baskets made from non-traditional materials (e.g., rope, jute, hot glue, and craft glue).
- Enter baskets made from textile fibers in Division 5202 Sewing for the Home or Division 5208 Fiber Arts.

Example of description: willow/hanging/wall/basket, rope hanger

0801    Basket using traditional basket making materials
0802    Traditional basket embellishment
0803    Basket using non-traditional basket making materials
0804    Non-traditional basket embellished
0809    Other Technique, not listed

**Wool/Felted Wool**
**Guideline:**
- Information card (3"x5", 4"x6", or 5 ½" x 8 ½") required in all classes. The card may be displayed with the exhibit. When applicable please provide:
    - Material(s) used
    - Design source or inspiration
    - Name of stitches used

Examples of descriptions: (1) 18" PR/green/purple/tulip w/scal edge or (2) 15x20 WH fall/leaves/black/bkgd/pinked

0811    Penny Rug, perimeter up to 50"
0812    Penny Rug, perimeter over 50"
0813    Table Topper, other wool applique technique
0814    Table Runner, other wool applique technique
0815    Wall Hanging, perimeter up to 50"
0816    Wall Hanging, between 50" and 199"
0817    Wall Hanging, over 200"
0818    Wall Hanging, framed
0819    Accessories (e.g., needle book, pin cushion, ornaments)
0820    Other Technique, not listed

**Rug Making**
**Guidelines:**
- Information card (3"x5", 4"x6", or 5 ½" x 8 ½") required in all classes. The card may be displayed with the exhibit. When applicable please include:
    - Design source, pattern, kit, original design by exhibitor
    - Style (i.e., primitive, realistic, pictorial, abstract, other)
    - Base of item (i.e., burlap, monks cloth, other)
    - Thread/fibers used
    - Technique(s) used
    - Other information pertinent to entry
- Materials used can be new, recycled, or a combination
- Enter loom woven rugs in division 5207, crocheted rugs in division 5203, knitted rugs in division 5204

**Definitions:**
RH – rug hooking
LH – latch hooking
Examples of descriptions: (1) RH 24x36 rug, birds on tan bkgd or (2) LH confetti tote, circular wood handles
0821    RH – rug or wall hanging
0822    RH – 3-dimensional piece e.g., pillow, purse, tote bag, foot stool
0823    RH – other not listed
0824    LH – rug or wall hanging
0825    LH – original design by exhibitor
0826    LH – other not listed
0827    Punch Needle Rug Hooking, any item
**Other Types**
0831    Jelly Roll Rug
0832    Punch Rug
0833    Other Rug, not listed

**Creative Fiber Art Techniques**
Creative fiber art is the work of someone who likes to "journey outside the box" by going beyond the suggested pattern instructions, drawing on past experiences with a variety of techniques and finding ways to use these techniques in non-traditional ways. The end result is often a one-of-a-kind item that is aesthetically pleasing. Upcycling, popular now, offers many opportunities for creating unique fiber art.

To decide where to enter an item (traditional class in other divisions or in division 5208 Fiber Arts) ask yourself, "would my exhibit look "out of place" with traditional exhibits?" If yes, review the following guidelines before making a final decision.
**Guidelines:**
- Items can be made from non-usable textile items, new materials, or a combination of both.
- The visible part of the item must be at least 75% textile and no more than 25% non-textile media like plastic, glass, wood, metal, & paper except diamond art on canvas.
- At least two techniques beyond the "basic construction" techniques should be used.
- Fiber pictures or other items for the wall must include a feature(s) that make(s) the exhibit unacceptable in the quilt department – such as sharp embellishments, an attached hanging device (like a stick), lights with battery pack, or any rigid items that interferes with folding the piece.
- All items must be suitably finished and ready to display. Wall hanging should have a rod pocket or another method for hanging.
- The perimeter is the distance around the stitched piece – and does not include the width of the mat and/or frame or other display materials.
- Classes are listed by technique, not item. Items for possible use in CFAT are pillows, wall hangings, purchased or sewn garments, table runner/toppers, placemats, pictures, ornaments, etc.

**Information Story Required** (replaced information card)
- 1-2 page story will be displayed with the exhibit. Place photos (optional) in plastic bag. The story should include:
    o   Materials and techniques used
    o   Design source or inspiration
    o   Name of piece (optional)
    o   How item will be displayed
    o   Description of the process used
    o   Other pertinent information

**Creative Fiber Art**
Examples of descriptions: (1) 16x20 MQ seascape/shell/emb/driftwood or (2) infinity scarft, upcy/neckties/blues
0841    Wearable Art Garment
0842    Wearable Art Accessory
0843    Upcycled Garment or Item
0844    Keepsake Upcycled Item and Story
0845    Quilted Item, stitches not visible on the back
0846    3-Dimensional Item

0847    Fiber Picture, perimeter up to 80"
0848    Fiber Picture, perimeter over 80"
0849    Macrame Item
0850    Sharpie and Alcohol Item
0851    Tie Dyed
0852    Iced Dyed
0853    Snow Dyed
0854    Acrylic Fabric Paint on Fabric
0859    Other Technique, not listed

**Fiber Art Dolls**
**Guidelines:**
- Information card (3"x5", 4"x6", or 5 ½" x 8 ½") optional.
- The soft sculptured dolls fabricated by the maker from fibers and/or fabrics may be two or three-dimensional and for decorative use only. The doll may be embellished with beads and other purchased items.
- Group refers to 2 or more dolls.

Examples of descriptions: (1) colorful sewing fairy sitting on a spool or (2) grandpa/overalls/rocking chair.
0860    Human Likeness, single doll or group
0861    Character, single doll or group
0862    Other Technique, not listed
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Judge's Choice $15 and a rosette

**Diamond Art**
**Guidelines:**
- Information card (3"x5", 4"x6", or 5 ½" x 8 ½") required in all classes. The card will be displayed with the exhibit. You can make any item when applicable please include on card:
  - Kit or original design
  - Full picture or accent picture
  - Round or square drills (diamonds)
  - Type of sealant used
  - Type of framing
  - On clothing, greeting cards, glass, or pictures
  - Need wire for hanging
  - Your age as of January 1, 2025
0866    Youth up to 18 years of age
0867    Adult 19-64
0868    Senior Adult 65 and older
Nebraska State Fair Awards
Best in Division $30 and rosette
Reserve Best in Division $15 and rosette
Judge's Choice $15 and a rosette

## Division 5209: Junior and Senior Youth

**Guidelines:**
- Information card (3"x5", 4"x6", or 5 ½" x 8 ½") required. Please include a brief explanation of your answer to the following questions, not just yes or no. Judge will consider responses when reviewing entry.
  - Was this entry in your fist experience with this technique? If no, what previous experience have you had?
  - Where did you get your inspiration?
  - Did you use a kit?
  - What did you learn? Would you do anything different next time?
  - Did someone teach you or did you learn the technique on your own?

- o   Do you plan to make more items using this technique?
- Birth date must be listed on entry form. Age is as of January 1st, 2025.
- The classes in this division are designed to encourage youth to (1) learn basic sewing skills, (2) explore techniques such as knitting, crochet, weaving, embroidery, and (3) interact with adults to learn new things.
- The classes are listed by technique. Unless a specific item(s) is listed youth may make any item using the technique listed. Review classes in Divisions 5201-5208 for ideas.
- Use of a kit is acceptable in all classes. If a kit is used, indicate it on information card.
- Youth have the option to enter an item in either Divisions 5201-5208, or in their respective age division in 5209, but not the same item in both places.

**Junior – Ages 5-12** (as of January 1st, 2025)
Examples of descriptions: (1) denim bag w/red heart or (2) 5x7 colorful embroidered cat framed
0901   Sewing, garment
0902   Sewing, personal accessory (e.g., bag, hat, scarf, case for phone/tablet, doll clothes)
0903   Sewing, home accessory (e.g., pillow, banner, wall hanging, table runner, or stuffed doll/animal)
0904   Knitting, Crochet, Weaving, or Spinning
0905   Stitchery, hand embroidery, counted cross stitch, needlepoint
0906   Embellished/Decorated Garment or Accessory
0908   Macrame Item
0909   Computer Machine Embroidery Item
0910   Other Technique, not listed

**Senior – Ages 13-18** (as of January 1st, 2025)
Examples of descriptions: (1) neon rainbow tie dyed t-shirt or (2) colorful strip pieced 14x14 pillow
0911   Sewing, garment
0912   Sewing, personal accessory (e.g., bag, hat, scarf, case for phone/tablet, doll clothes)
0913   Sewing, home accessory (e.g., pillow, banner, wall hanging, table runner, or stuffed doll/animal)
0914   Knitting, Crochet, Weaving, or Spinning
0915   Stitchery, hand embroidery, counted cross stitch, needlepoint
0916   Embellished/Decorated Garment or Accessory
0917   Upcycled Garment, Personal or Home Accessory
0918   Macrame Item
0919   Computer Machine Embroidery Item
0920   Other Technique, not listed

Nebraska State Fair Awards
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Reserve Best in Division $15 and rosette
Judge's Choice $15 and a rosette

# Division 5210: Senior Adults

**Guidelines:**
- Information card (3"x5", 4"x6", or 5 ½" x 8 ½") required. Please include a brief explanation of your answer to the following questions, not just yes or no. Judge will consider responses when reviewing entry.
  - o   Where did you get your inspiration?
  - o   Did you use a kit?
  - o   What would you do different next time?
  - o   Do you plan to make more items using this technique?
- Birth date must be listed on entry form. Age is as of January 1st, 2025.
- Wall hangings will not be accepted in classes 1004-1024. Enter wall hangings in the Quilt Department.
- Senior adults have the option to enter an item in either division 5201-5208 or in their respective age divisions in 5210 but not the same item in both places.

**Age Group 65 & Older** (as of January 1st, 2025)
Examples of descriptions: (1) 13x24 French braid runner, blue/yellow or (2) 14x14 coral/blue ripple cro pillow
1001    Sewing, garment
1002    Sewing, personal accessory
1003    Sewing, home accessory (not three-layer)
1004    Sewing, three-layer table runner/topper, bed runner, or kitchen set
1005    Computerized Sewing Machine Embroidery
1006    Crochet
1007    Knitting
1008    Lace Making
1009    Hand Embroidery
1010    Counted Cross Stitch
1011    Needlepoint
1012    Weaving, Spinning, Felting
1013    Wool Applique or Penny Rug
1014    Rug Making, any technique
1015    Fiber Art Doll
1016    Wearable Art
1017    Upcycled, any item
1019    Other Technique, not listed
Nebraska State Fair Awards
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Judge's Choice $15 and a rosette

## Division 5211: Senior Living Communities

Textile Arts and Visual Arts departments will now include classes for Senior Living Communities. Many senior residents are learning new skills and crafts in organized activities at the communities. Nebraska State Fair values our Senior Living Community exhibitors and enjoys seeing their exhibits each year at fair.

Sweepstakes points are awarded for placing and participating in each division in both Textile Arts and in Visual Arts. The first place Senior Living Community will receive a $300 great, second place $200 grant, and third place $100 grant.

| Rank | Points |
|---|---|
| 1st Place | 5 |
| 2nd Place | 3 |
| 3rd Place | 1 |

**Guidelines**
- Community Coordinators are responsible to read and know the General Rules & Regulations.
- **Each exhibitor may have up to two entries in each class.**
- All entries must be accompanied with a label with the name of the Senior Living Community and name of the resident.
- Deadline, delivery, and release are stated on page 3.
1101    Crochet
1102    Knitting
1103    Door Decoration with Fabric
1104    Household Decoration with Fabric
1105    Holiday Decoration with Fabric
1106    Ornament with Fabric
1107    Fabric Item
1108    Other Item, which contains textiles

## Division 5291: Best in County Contest

Counties are invited to participate in the Textile Arts Best in County Contest by selecting their top textile arts exhibit at the local county fair. Each county in a multi-county fair may have one entry.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent/another county official to determine how the selection will be made. Review the Textile Arts Entry Book to find out what exhibits are accepted in the Nebraska State Fair Textile Arts Department.

If the selection of the Best in County exhibit happens too late for the exhibitor to meet the deadline for entry of exhibit (August 6th, midnight) the county winner will be eligible for recognition the following year provided that the entry still meets the requirement completion within the last three years. Exception: if the exhibitor had already entered the item in the textile art department the entry is eligible for this year's Nebraska State Fair.

**To participate in the Best in County Contest:**

1.  Prior to the county fair the superintendent or another official should print the Textile Arts Entry book.
    a.  Two copies of this page – Division 5291, Class 9901, Best in County Textile Arts (copy for superintendent and copy for exhibitor).
    b.  One copy of Best in County Textile Arts Verification Form
        i.  Note: if you don't have an option for printing the forms you may request them from the Nebraska State Fair office.
2.  Immediately following the county fair, complete the verification form which requires the signature of the superintendent/official and make two copies for the exhibitor. The exhibitor will:
    a.  Send one copy of the verification form to Sue Brown, Nebraska State Fair Textile Arts, 518 S Rhode Island, Hastings NE 68901. If the form will not reach Sue by Tuesday, August 6th, call Sue with the information 402-460-7988.
    b.  Attach a copy of the Verification Form to the exhibit.
3.  Prior to Tuesday, August 6th, midnight entry deadline the Best in County exhibit must be entered in Textile Arts in the appropriate class in Division 5201-5210. The entry must comply with all Nebraska State Fair Textile Art restrictions and rules. Enter online or by using the Textile Arts entry form. Refer to the front of this entry book for details.
4.  Delivery of Exhibit – Deadline is 3 pm Thursday, August 15th, to the 4-H/FFA Fieldhouse, Gate 5, using the North & West doors. Note: the receiving date is the same as all other textile arts entries in the 2025 Textile Arts Department, however the extension staff can pick up the exhibit at the end of fair.
    a.  Exhibit may be delivered by:
        i.  The exhibitor /another person during the Textile Arts receiving times Wednesday, August 14th, 3pm-8pm and Thursday, August 15th, 8am-3pm.
        ii.  Sending by mail or a delivery service with arrival not later than 3 pm on Thursday, August 15th. See Shipping Options. Mail or ship no later than Tuesday, August 6th for items to reach the Nebraska State Fair by delivery deadline.
5.  Display- all textile arts entered in the Best in County Contest are displayed in a designated area in the 4-H/FFA Fieldhouse. Best in County entries are noted with (1) signage acknowledging them as the top county winner in their respective county fair and (2) with a distinctive Best in County ribbon. Those receiving 1st through 5th place in the contest will also receive a special rosette in addition to the designated cash award.
6.  Return of Exhibits – exhibits may be picked up on Monday, September 2nd, 6-8pm or Tuesday, September 3rd, 8am-noon by the exhibitor, another person, or extension staff. For other return options see Shipping Options.
    a.  Note: Exhibits not picked up by the above options or with insufficient payment for return shipment must be retrieved from the Nebraska State Fair Office, 501 E Fonner Park Rd, Ste. 200, Grand Island NE 68801 no later than Friday, October 25th.

# Drop-Off and Pick-Up Sites

## <mark>For Non-Perishable Exhibits</mark>

Please package each department's exhibits separately. For example, if you are entering both textile arts and photography, which belong to different departments, package them separately. Ensure a copy of your entry form is taped to the top of each package.

**Important:** We will not accept exhibits that are not properly packaged. We will make an effort to return your exhibits in the same packaging used for drop-off. To make transportation easier and safer, we recommend packaging your exhibits in a box.

## Drop-Off and Pick-Up Locations:

This year, exhibits can be dropped off and picked up at the following locations during the Extension Office's business hours:

## Drop-Off Dates:

- Thursday, August 7th and Friday, August 8th, 2025

## Pick-Up Dates:

- Monday, September 8th and Tuesday, September 9th, 2025
  - Must be picked up no later than September 9th.

## Location Hours:

- **Lincoln/Logan/McPherson County Extension Office:**
  348 West State Farm Rd, North Platte, NE 69101
  9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

- **Douglas/Sarpy County Extension Office:**
  8015 West Center Rd, Omaha, NE 68124
  8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

- **Seward County Extension Office:**
  322 S. 14th St, Seward, NE 68434
  8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Reminder:** Please bring a copy of your entry form(s) when dropping off your exhibits.