



Textile Arts

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVENTH
NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

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Grand Island, NE



Join the Textile Arts Department in celebrating “It All Happens Here” at the 2026 Nebraska State Fair.

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Important Dates

- Entry Deadline: Tuesday, August 11, at 11:59 pm
- Exhibit Delivery: Wednesday, August 19, 3 pm – 8 pm
Thursday, August 20, 8 am – 3 pm
- Exhibit Release: Monday, September 7, 6 pm – 8 pm. **Early Release is Prohibited.**
Tuesday, September 8, 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 30th. After that, items will be donated to charity.

As an Open Class exhibitor you are an important part of what makes the Nebraska State Fair great. If you've appreciated your involvement and want to find other ways to support Competitive Exhibits, we hope you'll consider coming out to volunteer with us during the event! All volunteers get to pick what department they'd like to volunteer, they receive free gate admission for each shift worked and a complimentary official souvenir shirt. For more information or to register as a volunteer, please contact Haley Hewen at hhewen@statefair.org or visit www.statefairvolunteer.org.

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
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

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", "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.
- An exhibitor can enter up to two different items in the same class. The same item cannot be entered in more than one class.
- 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.
- 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.

- Birth 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, 2026.
- 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 1/2" x 8 1/2") 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 11, 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 <http://bit.ly/4bVSm5v> and use password CVENT. Exhibitor tickets go off sale Thursday August 27, 2026 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 – 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: [2026 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 11th, at 11:59 pm. Mail-in entry must be received by Tuesday, August 11th.

- 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 the department it is entered in. Do not package multiple departments together.

Delivery of Exhibits – The deadline is Thursday, August 20, 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 19, 3 pm - 8 pm, and Thursday, August 20, 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 7, 6 pm – 8 pm or Tuesday, September 8, 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 form 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 Celebrate America 250

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 Celebrate America 250

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 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

0214 Quilt Bow

0219 Celebrate America 250

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 Celebrate America 250

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 Celebrate America 250

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 Celebrate America 250

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 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 each
- 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 Celebrate America 250

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 Celebrate America 250

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 Celebrate America 250

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 Celebrate America 250

Miscellaneous

Example of a description: powder blue knook scarf

- 0345 Arm Crocheted
- 0346 Knoon Item
- 0349 Celebrate America 250

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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 1/2" x 8 1/2") 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 Celebrate America 250

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 Celebrate America 250

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 knit 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 Celebrate America 250

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 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 Celebrate America 250

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 Celebrate America 250

Other

Example of description: NL simple leaf, ecru

- 0529 Lace Making Technique, not listed

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 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 Celebrate America 250

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 Celebrate America 250

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 1/2" x 8 1/2") 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 Celebrate America 250

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 Celebrate America 250

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Division 5207: Weaving, Spinning, and Felting

Guidelines:

- Information card (3"x5", 4"x6", or 5 1/2" x 8 1/2") 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 Celebrate America 250

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 Celebrate America 250

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 Celebrate America 250

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 Celebrate America 250

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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, and diamond art.

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. Diamond art is the exception and is entered in Textile Arts.

Basketry

Guidelines:

- Information card (3"x5") required in all classes. The card will 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 Celebrate America 250

Wool/Felted Wool

Guideline:

- Information card (3"x5") required in all classes. The card will 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 Celebrate America 250

Rug Making

Guidelines:

- Information card (3"x5") required in all classes. The card will 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 Celebrate America 250

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 card (3”x5”) required in all classes. The card will be displayed with the item materials 1-2 page story will be displayed with the exhibit. Place photos (optional) in plastic bag. Information card should include:
 - Materials and techniques used
 - Design source or inspiration
 - Name of piece (optional)
 - How item will be displayed
 - Description of the process used
 - Other pertinent information

Creative Fiber Art

Examples of descriptions: (1) 16x20 MQ seascape/shell/emb/driftwood or (2) infinity scarf, upcy/neckties/blues

0841 Wearable Art Garment

0842 Wearable Art Accessory

0843 Upcycled Garment or Item

0844 Keepsake Upcycled Item and Story (written on 1 or 2 (3”x5”) cards

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 or Snow Dyed
- 0853 Thread Painting
- 0854 Acrylic Fabric Paint on Fabric
- 0859 Celebrate America 250

Fiber Art Dolls

Guidelines:

- Information card (3"x5") required in all classes and will be displayed with the exhibit.
- 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 Celebrate America 250

Diamond Art

Guidelines:

- Information card (3"x5") required in all classes. The card will be displayed with the exhibit.
- All exhibits must be ready to hang. Wires are preferable to sawtooth hangers.
- Framed pictures can be no wider than 70" or height of 55".
- You can make any item when applicable.
- Please include on information card:
 - Kit or original design
 - Full picture or accent picture
 - Round or square drills (diamonds)
 - Type of sealant used
 - Type of framing (need wire for hanging)
 - Size of item in inches
 - Accents items can be on clothing, greeting cards or glasses.
 - Your age as of January 1, 2026

- 0866 Youth up to 18 years of age
- 0867 Adult 19-64
- 0868 Senior Adult 65 and older
- 0870 Celebrate America 250

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 1/2" x 8 1/2") 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?
- Do you plan to make more items using this technique?
- Birth date must be listed on entry form. Age is as of January 1st, 2026.
- 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, 2026)

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 Celebrate America 250

Senior – Ages 13-18 (as of January 1st, 2026)

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 Celebrate America 250

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 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.
 - Where did you get your inspiration?
 - Did you use a kit?
 - What would you do different next time?
 - Do you plan to make more items using this technique?
- Birth date must be listed on entry form. Age is as of January 1st, 2026.
- 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, 2026)

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 Celebrate America 250

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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 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 grant, second place \$200 grant, and third place \$100 grant.

Rank	Points
1 st Place	5
2 nd Place	3
3 rd 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 Celebrate America 250

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 11th, call Sue with the information 402-460-7988.
 - b. Attach a copy of the Verification Form to the exhibit.
3. Prior to Tuesday, August 11th, 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 20th, 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 2026 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 19th, 3pm-8pm and Thursday, August 20th, 8am-3pm.
 - ii. Sending by mail or a delivery service with arrival not later than 3 pm on Thursday, August 20th. See [Shipping Options](#). Mail or ship no later than Tuesday, August 11th 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 7th, 6-8pm or Tuesday, September 8th, 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 30th, 2026.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Sites

For Non-Perishable Exhibits

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 13th and Friday, August 14th, 2026

Pick-Up Dates:

- Monday, September 14th and Tuesday, September 15th, 2026
 - Must be picked up no later than September 15th.

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.