

CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION -- SEWING FOR OTHERS-UNIT 7

Sewing for Others enables you to make garments for others, whether they are your family or friends or pay you to sew for them. In the Sewing for Others project, you make clothing for someone other than yourself. Any garment which would be exhibited in another clothing project should not be exhibited in this unit. For example, if you made a wedding dress for your sister, you would exhibit it in this unit. If you made a bridesmaid dress for yourself, you would exhibit it under Units 21-28, depending upon the fabric. Halloween costumes should be exhibited under Creative Sewing, Unit 5, even though you may have made it for someone else.

Construction

When making a garment for another person, taking accurate measurements is extremely important. These measurements will enable you to purchase the correct pattern size and make any needed alterations. Prior to constructing the actual garment, you may want to make a muslin fitting shell to verify fit. This will allow you to make needed adjustments in the pattern prior to cutting the selected fabric(s).

Project Requirements

You are expected to:

- Construct one garment or outfit for another person which illustrates what you have learned.
- Exhibit a completed Clothing Construction e-record.
- Do a demonstration/show and tell.
- Judge/evaluate clothing products.
- Do a clothing related community service project.

Project Evaluation

Your project will be evaluated on the quality of construction techniques used (75 percent) and a completed e-record (25 percent). You may want to go back and review techniques learned in earlier units if you have any questions.

Home-Based Business Potential

Many 4-H members have developed their own home-based businesses because of skills they have learned in the 4-H program. This may be an opportunity for you to use your creative talents to earn extra money. However, consider what your produce is, who your market will be, how you will advertise, the price you would charge, delivery, etc. Additional information on starting a home-based business is available through your local library and Extension office. Obtain a copy of "Be the E" from the Colorado State University Resource Center to help you. Your decision to use your skills to start a home-based business will not have an impact on how your exhibit will be evaluated.