



NC MAKE IT WITH WOOL COMPETITION

Saturday, November 4, 2017

Cabarrus County Cooperative Extension Center,
715 Cabarrus Ave. W, Concord, NC 28025

2017 NC Make It With Wool Competition

Sponsors: American Sheep Industry Women (ASIW), National MIWW, NC Sheep Producers Association (NCSPA), NC 4-H Youth Development Program

Eligibility: Open to all ages and all levels of sewing. Participants must be residents of NC. Anyone regardless of race, creed or sex who meets age and other guidelines may participate. AGE is determined on January 1 of the year contestant is entering their district or state contest (for those with a January 1 birthday you are the new age).

Categories: Preteens (12 and under); Juniors (13 – 16); Seniors (17 – 24); Adults (25 and over); Made for Others (all ages); Wearable Accessories (all ages)

Entries: May be sewn, knitted, crocheted, woven or felted and must contain 100% wool or wool blends (requirement: minimum 60% wool, mohair, cashmere, alpaca, camel, llama and/or vicuna). The entire garment body (back, front and sleeves) must be of these fabrics. Trims, facings, linings, interfacings and underlinings may be fabrics other than wool or wool blend.

Deadline: Forms must be postmarked by October 11, 2017. Each contestant must complete both a [National Form](#) and a State Form.

Contacts: • Jean Thomas, NC MIWW Director, 3019 McLaughlin Lane, Charlotte, NC 28269 (704-547-0499) eithom41@bellsouth.net

What is the Date and Location of the 2017 NC MIWW Competition?

- **Date- Saturday, November 4, 2017**
- **Location: Cabarrus County Cooperative Extension Center, 715 Cabarrus Ave. W, Concord, NC 28025**

Information and Contacts:

- **National Make it With Wool Competition (www.NationalMakeItWithWool.com)** - for National and state info and printing the entry forms –(one to send to national and one for state) . Both are required.
- www.NCSheep.com and www.ncmakeitwithwool.com
- **Jean Thomas, NC MIWW Director, 3019 McLaughlin Lane, Charlotte, NC 28269 (704-547-0499) ejthom41@bellsouth.net**
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What Are The Objectives?

- To promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabrics, yarns and fiber.
- To encourage personal creativity in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning and weaving wool fabrics and yarns.
- To recognize creative skills.
- To develop life skills including: being responsible for one's self, being a good sport, accepting judges' decisions, learning about and appreciating diversity.

Who Can Participate? (These are National MIWW Guidelines).

- Pre-Teens – age 12 and under
- Juniors – age 13 -16
- Seniors - age 17 - 24
- Adults – age 25 and older
- Made for Others- open to all ages
- Wearable Accessories – open to all ages
- Anyone, regardless of race, creed or sex who meets age and other guidelines may participate.

What Can I Enter?

Pre- Teens may enter: Dress, jumper, skirt, pants, shorts, vest sweater, shirt/blouse, jacket or a combination of garments.

One-piece garment: dress, jumper, skirt, pants, shorts, vest, sweater , shirt/blouse, jacket or a combination of garments.

Two-piece garment: outerwear coat, jacket, cape, blouse/shirt/vest or sweater with dress, jumper, skirt pants or shorts.

Ensemble: 3 or more garments worn together at one time: outerwear coat, jacket, cape; blouse/shirt, vest and/or sweater **with** dress, skirt, pants or shorts.

Made for Others and Wearable Accessories are state categories. Winners from these categories do not participate at the National MIWW Competition.

Made for Others—Sewer is interviewed, and the intended wearer models during the interview. Both are on stage during the Style Show.

All contestants: Pre-Teens, Juniors, Seniors, and Adults, must select, construct and model their own garment(s). Made for Others- contestants have their intended wearer model the garment(s). Wearable Accessories contestants will be interviewed and will model their entry in the Style Show.

There is also a Fashion/Apparel Design Competition for persons enrolled in a class or school of design. Info available at www.NationalMakeItWithWool.com .

What Fabrics/Yarns Can I Use?

- 100% wool or wool blend (minimum 60% wool or specialty fiber) for each fashion fabric or yarn used. Specialty wool fibers include alpaca, angora, camel, cashmere, llama, mohair, and vicuna.
- The **entire garment body** (front, back, and sleeves) must be wool or wool-blend (60% wool) fabric. Vests worn with a suit, sport coat, or blazer may have a back of non-wool fabric. Vests worn as a top layer or with outerwear coat/jacket must have a wool back.
- Trims, facings, interfacings, linings, and underlinings may be fabrics other than wool or wool blends.

How Can I Be Certain My Fabrics/Yarns Are Wool and What Percent Wool?

- Each fabric/yarn used must be tested by a designated Wool Lab to determine wool content.
- Send a 5x5 inch sample of each fabric to be tested to the NC MIWW Director. If using yarn send a 36 inch sample of each yarn to be used (if using same yarn company but different colors, each yarn must be tested separately. If needed you may piece the sample to make it 5x5 inches.
- Include your contact info with your test samples so Jean can send you lab test results. These must be recorded on your entry form to National and on the form to state.
- The Wool Lab test charge is \$7.00 for each sample of fabric or yarn tested. Send fabric/yarn sample and a check or money order made payable to Jean Thomas , NC MIWW Director, 3019 McLaughlin Lane, Charlotte, NC 28269.
- The Wool Lab sends the results to Jean usually within 15 days from receiving the samples from Jean. She will send the results to you. Please include your e-mail when you send her your samples for testing . The test lab is located in Denver, CO.
- Test results must be received by day of state competition to qualify for top placings at the competition.

How Can I Enter?

- You may participate in one state MIWW competition each year where you are a legal resident. There is also a Fashion/Apparel Design Competition. You cannot compete in both in the same year.
- You may enter more than one outfit, but must complete a form and pay an entry fee for each different outfit and category entered.
- **Garments must have been completed after January 1 of the competition year.**
- Use a separate form for each entry (forms may be duplicated).
- Pay a \$12 **non-refundable entry fee** (payable to National MIWW) for each garment and wearable accessory in all age divisions - Pre- Teen, Junior, Senior, Adult, Made for Others, and Wearable Accessory.
- Send completed entry form, \$12 entry fee, and fabric/yarn sample(s) to the National MIWW Director Mary Roediger whose address is on the entry form.
- Send a copy of the completed entry form, fabric/yarn sample and completed commentary to NC Director **Jean Thomas (print the commentary at the NC website)**. There is no district competition in NC. There is no state entry fee for NC MIWW.
- **The entry form to National and to state (Jean Thomas Director) should be postmarked by October 11, 2017.**
- Please contact Jean if you have questions.

What Are Awards & Prizes

- Each contestant receives a length of wool fabric and sewing notion(s) at the NC MIWW.
- Junior and Senior state winners may advance to the National MIWW Competition . Judges decision is final.
- There are special awards and scholarships awarded at the National MIWW Competition.
- Adult state winner may compete in National Adult MIWW by sending 5x7 photos and a video modeling garment(s). National Adult Winner receives a trip to National MIWW Finals sponsored by National MIWW.
- The National Finals will be held February 1-3 at San Antonio, Texas during the American Sheep Industry Convention. The convention will be held at San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter.

Your participation as a contestant makes this competition possible. We look forward to your entry and participation in helping to promote wool fabrics, yarns and fiber.