



EL PASO COUNTY



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**A SPUDTACULAR JOURNEY**

*Celebrating 120 Years of Fair*

# Hobby Division Creative Arts/ Open Class







# Creative Arts Hobby Division

Thank you for sharing your creativity and craftsmanship with the El Paso County Fair! Your passion and dedication bring life and beauty to our event, and we are honored to showcase your unique talents. Whether it's through art, crafts, or creative projects, your contributions help make our fair a celebration of community and expression. We're excited to celebrate your work with everyone and look forward to the inspiration it brings!

If you have any questions or don't know in which department or class your items belongs in, give us a call or email us!

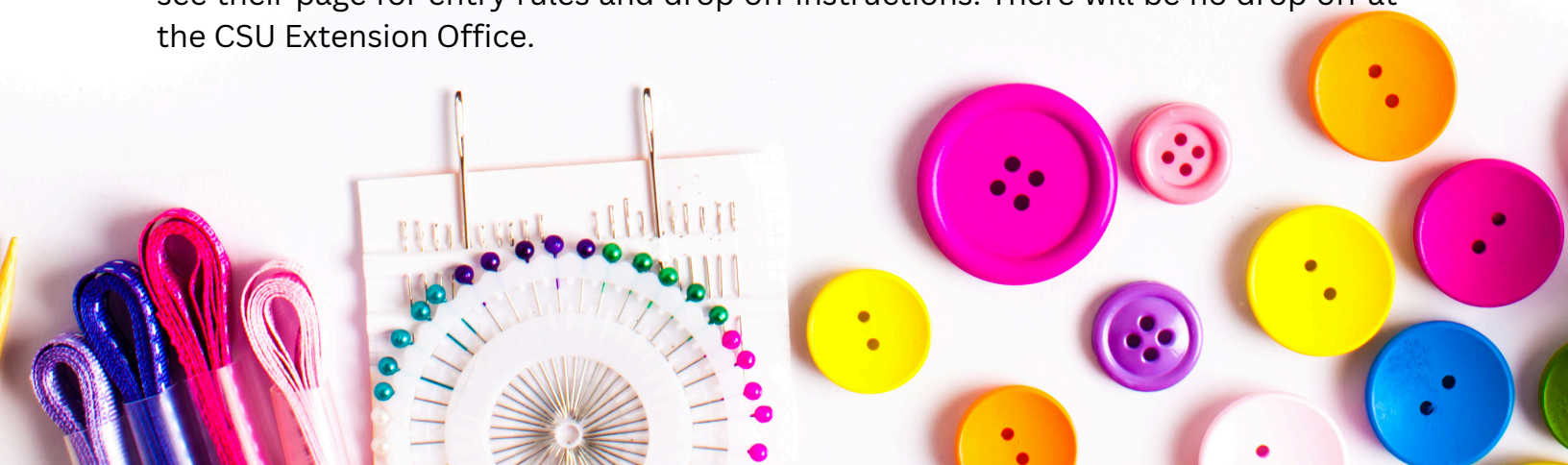
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Under NO circumstances shall any superintendent, Fair Official or volunteer be treated disrespectfully.

El Paso County Staff and volunteers will not be liable for any damaged or stolen items

Please note that this is a separate program from the CSU Extension Program. Please see their page for entry rules and drop off instructions. There will be no drop off at the CSU Extension Office.







# Division 1 – Hobbies

## **NOTE: Important Change**

There have been some changes and additions to some categories and classes. Please read them carefully and let us know if you have any questions. If an entry is not in the appropriate class, we reserve the right to refuse the entry or reclassify as appropriate.

All Departments will have the same class number for all age groups. The entry form will have a column to designate age class.

### **Age classes**

**A=Adult (19 and over)**

**J=Junior (11-18 Years)**

**Y=Youth (10 and under)**

## **ITEM DROP OFF INFORMATION**

### **Division 1 – Hobbies**

**Drop off for Departments 101 through 113 will be:**

Friday, June 27th, 9 am - 12 pm

Saturday, June 28th, 9 am - 12 pm

Drop off at the  
**Whittemore Building**  
on the El Paso County  
Fairgrounds

### **Department 201 – Quilting**

Drop off will be on Saturday, June 28th 9am-12pm only.

Judging will be on Saturday, June 28th at 1pm.

**All Judging will be closed to the public.**



# General Information Sheet for Fair Entry Guidelines

## General Rules for All Departments:

### 1. Hanging Items:

- Must have a picture frame wire or loop for hanging; sawtooth hangers are not accepted.

### 2. Preparation and Display:

- Items must be clean, stable, and secure for display.
- No live entries or items requiring power (plugged-in or battery-operated) are allowed.
- Items requiring a stand or specific display setup must include those components.

### 3. Modern Makers Department (113):

- Entries made with computer-guided tools (e.g., 3D printers, laser cutters, CNC, or embroidery machines).
- Computer-enhanced or digitally altered photography and digital art.

## Department-Specific Rules:

### Department 101 – Fine Art:

- All art must be framed and prepared for hanging.
- Combined media should be entered in Mixed Media (Class 1016).
- All drawings must be original; no coloring pages accepted.
- Digital art belongs in Modern Makers (113).

### Department 102 – Photography:

- Photographs must be taken within the past 18 months.
- Computer-enhanced photography belongs in Modern Makers (113).

### Department 103 – Crafts:

- Items must be stable and secure for display.
- Kits must be entered with the name of the kit.
- The crafts department cannot duplicate entries from other departments. Examples:
  - Crocheted items should go to Crochet (108).
  - Collages belong in Fine Art (101).



**Department 104 – The Workshop:**

- Only hand-guided tools are allowed.
- CNC and laser-cut items belong in Modern Makers (113).

**Department 106 – Embroidery:**

- Machine embroidery must be entered in Modern Makers (113).
- The longest side of any item must not exceed 36 inches.

**Department 107 – Hand Knitting & Department 108 – Crochet:**

- Felted items belong in Fiber Arts (109).

**Department 109 – Fiber Arts:**

- Items must reflect a variety of fiber arts techniques and will be judged on the primary technique.
- Items made with computer-driven machines belong in Modern Makers (113).

**Department 110 – Sewing:**

- Machine embroidery and quilted items should go to Modern Makers (113) or Quilting (220).

**Department 220 – Quilting:**

- First-Time Entrant prize is available for first-time quilt entries. Note “First Time Entrant” on the entry form description box.

**Department 112 – Trash-To-Treasure:**

- Open to creative recyclers.
- Each exhibit must include a “before” picture showing the recycled materials, attached to the exhibit.
- Entries must consist of 75% recycled materials (glue, nails, and other attachments excluded).
- Items must be upcycled/repurposed in a permanent transformation (not just painted or decorated).
- No live plants are allowed.

**Department 113 – Modern Makers:**

- Recognizes creative arts using computer-aided tools and technology.
- Includes entries made with 3D printers, laser cutters, CNC, embroidery machines, and digitally enhanced photography or art.
- Not eligible for Best of Show or People’s Choice awards.



## **Department 101 – Fine Art**

**Longest side of item is to be no longer than 36”.**

**In any portrait class, the main focus is to be a person(s) or animal(s)**

### **Judges will consider entries based on:**

- Balance of color, weight and space
- Focal point and movement
- Unity in color and design
- Perspective
- Framing and matting
- Presentation of subject/character
- Technique
- Expressiveness
- Values and value pattern

### **Class & Descriptions**

1001	Acrylic - Landscape	1007	Chalk Pastel/Charcoal
1002	Acrylic - Portrait	1008	Graphite Pencil
1003	Acrylic - Other	1009	Colored Pencil/Crayon
1004	Watercolor - Landscape	1010	Pen & Ink
1005	Watercolor – Portrait	1011	Collage
1006	Watercolor – Other	1012	Mixed Media – 2 or more mediums on a surface – surface not considered a medium

## **Department 102 – Photography**

**In any portrait Class the main focus is to be a person(s) or animal(s).**

**Suggested by Judges – Cell phone photos are a clearer quality at a small size rather than larger.**

### **Judges will consider entries based on:**

- Composition
- Technique
- Focus
- Lighting
- Creativity
- Presentation

### **Class & Descriptions**

2001	Color - Landscape	2004	Black & White - Landscape
2002	Color - Portrait	2005	Black & White - Portrait
2003	Color - Other	2006	Black & White - Other



## **Department 103 – Crafts**

**All items that require hanging must be properly prepared with a wire or cord only. All items must be stable and secure for display throughout the fair.**

### **Class & Descriptions**

3001	Beadcraft (no jewelry)	3008	Kit projects
3002	Jewelry	3009	LEGO (original designs)
3003	Jewelry – beaded	3010	Miniatures display
3004	Decorated clothing	3011	Rubber band items (such as Rainbow Loom pieces)
3005	Cardmaking (single card, no envelope)	3012	Soapmaking
3006	Papercrafts	3013	Woodburning
3007	Leather work	3014	Misc.

## **Department 104 – The Workshop**

**All items should be stable and prepared for display.  
Hung items must have a wire across the back or a loop at the top.**

### **Class & Descriptions**

4001	Box-with or without lid	4006	Metalworking - soldering/welding/hand tools
4002	Fretwork	4007	Instrument - wood or metal
4003	Furniture	4008	Woodworking – Misc.
4004	Woodcarving	4009	Metalworking – Misc.
4005	Woodturning - spindles, pens, handles on items		

## **Department 105 – Sculpture**

### **Class & Descriptions**

5001	Air Dry Clay	5004	Paper Mache
5002	Clay Sculpture	5005	Polymer Clay Food
5003	Clay Misc.	5006	Polymer Clay Misc.



## **Department 106 – Embroidery**

**All pieces must be clean and prepared for display or hanging.**

**Framed pieces must include a hanging wire.**

### **Class & Descriptions**

6001	Applique – no quilts	6007	Original Design – any technique
6002	Cross Stich (14-18 ct. cloth)	6008	Plastic Canvas – Flat item
6003	Cross Stich (22+ ct. cloth)	6009	Plastic Canvas – 3D item (no larger than 18x18x18)
6004	Needlepoint	6010	Regional/Historical Style (include information to display on style)
6005	Tea Towel – one, any technique		
6006	Pillowcase – one, any technique		

## **Department 107 – Hand Knitting**

**All items must be clean and prepared to display.**

**No felted items. We welcome felting in the Fiber Arts Department.**

### **Class & Descriptions**

7001	Clothing	7006	Dishcloth/Washcloth
7002	Hat	7007	Edging – attached to item
7003	Shawl, Scarf, Wrap or Cowl	7008	Toy
7004	Socks, Mittens or Gloves	7009	Miscellaneous
7005	Doll Clothes – one outfit		

## **Department 108 – Crochet**

**All items must be clean and prepared to display.**

**No felted items. We welcome felting in the Fiber Arts Department.**

### **Class & Descriptions**

8001	Afghan – any size	8007	Edging – attached to item
8002	Bag – any type, any size	8004	Dishcloth/Washcloth
8003	Clothing	8009	Household item (curtains, tablecloth, pillow, table runner etc.)
8010	Shawl, Scarf, Wrap or Cowl	8012	Toy
8011	Socks, Mittens or Gloves	8013	Miscellaneous
8008	Hat		
8006	Doll Clothes – one outfit		

## **Department 109 – Fiber Arts**

All pieces must be clean and prepared for display or hanging.

Framed pieces must include a hanging wire.

### **Class & Descriptions**

9001	Needle Felting	9003	Weaving (pin looms, triangle looms, handheld looms)
9002	Wet Felting – woven silk underlying structure permitted	9004	Weaving (inkle looms, tablet/card weaving)

## **Department 110 – Sewing**

All items must be clean and appropriately prepared for display.

No machine embroidery or quilted items will be accepted.

### **Class & Descriptions**

1110	Blouse, Vest or Shirt	1113	Clothes – Misc.
1111	Skirt, Pants or Short	1114	Bag or Purse
1112	Doll Clothes (display on a hanger/doll/dress form)	1115	Home Decor – pillow, table runner etc.
		1116	Stuffed Toy or Doll

## **Department 112 – Trash to Treasure**

Each exhibit must provide a “before” picture of the sources that are recycled into a new useful life.

The “before” picture is to be attached to the exhibit.

### **Class & Descriptions**

1121	Plastic	1125	Paper
1122	Metal	1126	Fabric
1123	Wood	1127	Glass
1124	Ceramic/China/Clay	1128	Other

## **Department 113 – Modern Maker**

All items must be clean and appropriately prepared for display.

No machine embroidery or quilted items will be accepted.

### **Class & Descriptions**

1130	Printing	1135	Digital Artwork
1131	CNC Milling	1136	Machine Embroidery
1132	Laser Cutting 3D	1137	Machine Embroidery Quilts
1133	Laser Engraving	1138	Computer Assisted Long – Arm Quilting
1134	Computer Enhanced Photography	1139	Miscellaneous – Computer aided weaving, knitting machines, CNC drawing etc.



## **Department 220 – Quilting**

All articles must be finished appropriately and clean. No machine embroidery, or computer-assisted quilts. These quilts are welcome in the Modern Makers Department 113.

### **Class & Descriptions – Hand Pieced & Hand Quilted**

2201	Pieced – Mini	2207	Mixed Technique – Mini
2202	Pieced – Wall	2208	Mixed Technique – Wall
2203	Pieced – Large	2209	Mixed Technique – Large
2204	Appliqued – Mini	2210	English Paper Piecing – Mini
2205	Appliqued – Wall	2211	English Paper Piecing – Wall
2206	Appliqued – Large	2212	English Paper Piecing – Large

### **Class & Descriptions –**

#### **Machine Pieced & Machine Quilted on Household Machine**

2213	Pieced – Mini	2219	Mixed Technique – Mini
2214	Pieced – Wall	2220	Mixed Technique – Wall
2215	Pieced – Large	2221	Mixed Technique – Large
2216	Appliqued – Mini	2222	Foundation Piecing – Mini
2217	Appliqued – Wall	2223	Foundation Piecing – Wall
2218	Appliqued – Large	2224	Foundation Piecing – Large

#### **Class & Descriptions – Machine Pieced & Machine Quilted on Frame**

2225	Pieced – Mini	2231	Mixed Technique – Mini
2226	Pieced – Wall	2232	Mixed Technique – Wall
2227	Pieced – Large	2233	Mixed Technique – Large
2228	Appliqued – Mini	2234	Foundation Piecing – Mini
2229	Appliqued – Wall	2235	Foundation Piecing – Wall
2230	Appliqued – Large	2236	Foundation Piecing – Large

#### **Class & Descriptions – Mixed Piecing & Quilting**

2237	Hand Pieced & Machine Quilted – Mini	2240	Machine Pieced & Hand Quilted – Mini
2238	Hand Pieced & Machine Quilted – Wall	2241	Machine Pieced & Hand Quilted – Wall
2239	Hand Pieced & Machine Quilted – Large	2242	Machine Pieced & Hand Quilted – Large

#### **Class & Descriptions – Group Quilt (3 or more people)**

2243	Hand Pieced – Mini	2249	Appliqued – Mini
2244	Hand Pieced – Wall	2250	Appliqued – Wall
2245	Hand Pieced – Large	2251	Appliqued – Large
2246	Machine Pieced – Mini	2252	Mixed Technique – Mini
2247	Machine Pieced – Wall	2253	Mixed Technique – Wall
2248	Machine Pieced – Large	2254	Mixed Technique – Large

## **Department 220 – Quilting Cont.**

### **Class & Descriptions – 2 Person Quilt**

2255	Hand Pieced – Mini	2261	Appliqued – Mini
2256	Hand Pieced – Wall	2262	Appliqued – Wall
2257	Hand Pieced – Large	2263	Appliqued – Large
2258	Machine Pieced – Mini	2264	Mixed Technique –Mini
2259	Machine Pieced – Wall	2265	Mixed Technique – Wall
260	Machine Pieced – Large	2266	Mixed Technique – Large

### **Class & Descriptions – Garment & Accessories**

2267	Afghan – any size	2271	Hat
2268	Bag – any type, any size	2272	Shawl, Scarf, Wrap or Cowl
2269	Clothing	2273	Socks, Mittens or Gloves
2270	Doll Clothes – one outfit	2274	Miscellaneous