



# CLOTHING DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

<b>ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2025</b>		
ENTRY FEE	AGES	SKILL LEVEL
One-Time \$25 per Exhibitor	13 & up	Amateur & Professionals
Exhibitors will be allowed entries throughout all the Erie County Fair Competitions. A promo code redeemable for three (3) admission passes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Monday, July 28, 2025.		
<b>Tri-Color</b> is an honorary award chosen by the judge for the outstanding article among those entered in competition in each of our sections. \$25 & ELIGIBLE FOR THE BEST TRI-COLOR AWARD.		
1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE BLUE - \$10	2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE RED - \$5	
<b>Entry Arrival:</b> Tuesday, July 22, 2025 or Wednesday, July 23, 2025 between Noon - 8:00 PM		
<b>Entry Removal:</b> Wednesday, August 20, 2025 between Noon - 8:00 PM or Thursday, August 21, 2025 between 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM.		
<b>Prize Checks:</b> Available Tuesday, August 12, 2025 between 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM at the Creative Arts Info Desk along with satin ribbons earned. Checks remaining after this time will be mailed.		

**Please call the Competitive Exhibits office at 716-649-3900 ext. 6407 or email [ceoffice@ecfair.org](mailto:ceoffice@ecfair.org) with all questions.**

**Clothing Design & Construction Rules:**

1. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair and Creative Arts Department rules and regulations.
2. **All entries must be registered by Friday, July 11, 2025.** Entries that are not registered will not be accepted. For more information see the Important Entry Information page at [www.ecfair.org](http://www.ecfair.org).
3. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair and Creative Arts Department rules and regulations.
4. Condition of work must be clean and dry, well pressed, on hangers, and not noticeably worn, stained, or spotted.
5. No name labels allowed.
6. Hangers and garment bags must be labeled if you wish to have them returned. It is preferable that the exhibitors keep special hangers or garment bags, as storage space is limited.
7. All garments in this section must be handmade; purchased garments will not be accepted. **No** items with a manufacturer’s label will be received.
8. We are unable to facilitate projects that require any technological needs (e.g. electric plug access, etc.)

**Judging Criteria:**

1. **Even seams:** All patterns use a 5/8 seam allowance unless otherwise stated. Even seams are very important in the way a clothing project fits or a craft project, such as a tote bag, looks. Uneven seams do not look professional.
2. **Even stitches:** This means no skipped stitches. Should a sewing machine need a tune-up, it is very possible you will have skipped stitches. Another reason for skipped stitches is either the wrong needle is being used for the particular fabric, or you have a burr on the needle which will cause skipped stitches. Anyone making a project to be entered into a contest should be aware of this.
3. **Excellent buttonholes:** The placement of the buttonholes is as important as how beautiful the buttonhole looks. If your sewing machine makes unacceptable buttonholes, it may need simple adjustments. The machine manual should explain how to adjust this. Some experienced sewers can make beautiful buttonholes by hand. If this is the case, it should be noted to the judge.
4. **Choice of fabric:** All patterns have fabric choices listed. This means that they have tested the particular pattern with the fabrics they suggest. This will help the consumer get the best results possible.
5. Coordinating colors is also important.
6. **Detail:** Decorative additions can add some bling to the project. It can be beads, trims, piping, cording, fringe, embroidery. Anything to add a little pizzazz to the project.
7. **Lining:** Lining clothing or home decorative projects (drapes) take an item from homemade to professional. And practice is how you can get to that point.



## CLASSES

### WOMEN'S & MEN'S CLOTHING - 1

1. Casual Dress Short or Long Length (sundress, maxi, wrap, sheath, shift, etc.)
2. Formal Dress Short or Long Length (bridal, cocktail, or ball gown, etc.)
3. Shirt- Casual or Dress (blouse, halter, knit, polo, tank, or hooded sweatshirt, button down or collared etc.)
4. T-Shirt (basic, embellished, or graphic tee, etc.)
5. Apron
6. Vest
7. Blazer/Sport Coat (double breasted or 1 - 4 button, etc.)
8. Coat/ Jacket (basic, fleece, bomber, denim, motorcycle, pea coat, trench, etc.)
9. Pants (casual, dress, athletic, leggings, denim, capris, corduroys, khakis/chinos, or overalls, etc.)
10. Shorts (casual, dress, athletic, denim, surf, cargo, corduroys, or khakis/chinos, etc.)
11. Skirt (all lengths and styles)
12. Costume wear/Uniform (Halloween, dance recitals, scrubs, etc.)
13. Holiday Clothing (Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, etc.)

### CHILDREN'S CLOTHING - 2

1. Casual Dress Short or Long Length (jumper, drop-waist, sundress, or pillow dress, etc.)
2. Formal Dress Short or Long Length (special occasion)
3. Christening Outfit (dress or suit)
4. Casual Shirt (tunic, polo, tank, pullover, or hooded sweatshirt, etc.)
5. T-Shirt (basic embellished, or graphic tee)
6. Apron
7. Pants or Shorts (denim, overalls leggings, pants, casual, dress, athletic, denim, cargo, corduroys, or khakis/chinos etc.)
8. Sets (top & bottom, bodysuit pants, or layette, etc.)
9. Costume wear/Uniform (Halloween, dance recitals, scrubs, etc.)
10. Holiday Clothing (Christmas, Valentine's, etc.)

### ACCESSORIES - 3

1. Scarf or Wrap
2. Small Handbag (base length less than 8")
3. Medium Handbag (base length 8" - 15")
4. Large Handbag (base length more than 15")
5. Wallet
6. Bib
7. Footwear (slippers, boots, booties, etc.)

### SPECIALTY & MISCELLANEOUS - 4

1. Theme of the Fair Item
2. Pet Clothing Item
3. Doll Clothing (No doll required)
4. "Kopy Kat Klass" - Make an item of clothing from a picture in a magazine, book, etc. (Please bring in picture)
5. Recycled Item- make an item of clothing or accessory from you recycle bin such as, plastic bags, phone books, etc.
6. "Project Unconventional" - make an item of clothing or accessory from materials that are **NOT** fabric-like such as, candy, floral supplies, party supplies, pet supplies, dollar store items, etc. You can use a basic shell of Muslin fabric to construct your garment or accessory. The possibilities are endless.
7. Any Other Category **NOT** Listed.