

Creative Arts Judging Criteria

All entries will be judged on a scale from Excellent to Poor. Judging is closed to the public, except for quilting, and entries will remain anonymous to ensure fairness. Ribbons will be awarded during judging. Entries will be displayed throughout all 8 days of the El Paso County Fair—come see if you’ve won and enjoy the work of our local artists!

Hobby Entries Judging Criteria

Department 101 – Fine Art	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Balance in color, weight & space 2. Focal point & movement 3. Unity in color & design 4. Perspective 5. Values 6. Presentation of Subject/Character 7. Technique 8. Expressiveness 9. Framing & matting
Department 102 – Photography	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Composition 2. Technique 3. Focus 4. Sharpness 5. Lighting 6. Creativity 7. Presentation
Department 103 – Crafts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overall visual appeal 2. Originality of subject: creative use of medium 3. Composition: Effective use of medium 4. Difficulty
Department 104 – The Workshop Department 105 – Sculpture Department 106 – Embroidery Department 107 – Hand Knitting Department 108 – Crochet Department 109 – Fiber Arts Department 110 – Sewing Department 112 – Trash to Treasure Department 113 – Modern Makers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Design 2. Complexity 3. Workmanship 4. Cleanliness 5. Finishing

For Quilting Judging forms please [click here](#)

Pantry Entries Judging Criteria

<p>Department 201 – Food Preservation</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pack: Full, attractive, yet practical 2. Liquid: covers the top of fruits/vegetables, adequate headspace 3. Color: Natural color, not faded or unnaturally light 4. Quality of product: distinct uniform pieces, well prepared, firm 5. Appearance of container: Standard brand name glass jar, clean, suitable, rings & lids with ring easily removable & clean under ring, clear neat label 6. Technique: USDA approved safe methods, adjusted for altitude, approved pack, & having acidity for safety 7. Label: Name of product, style of pack, date canned, method/equipment used, processing time, altitude & pounds of pressure. 8. Flavor
<p>Department 202 – Baked Goods</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General appearance 2. Color 3. Crust/Outer covering 4. Shape & volume 5. Texture 6. Crumb (moist/dry) 7. Consistency 8. Tenderness 9. Flavor
<p>Department 203 – Cake Decorating</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overall visual appeal 2. Originality of subject: creative use of medium 3. Composition: Effective use of medium 4. Difficulty