

FABRIC AND FIBER ARTS

Rules and awards apply to all divisions listed below. All exhibits in this department must be the work of the exhibitors and must have been completed within the last two years. No articles that have been judged before in the NCW Fair can be accepted for exhibit a second time.

Exhibitors may enter up to five (5) unique and different articles per lot in each class in NEEDLEWORK, SEWING, and QUILTING Divisions. Articles are considered UNIQUE if they vary by pattern or technique, and not just color.

Exhibits that significantly combine two needlework techniques may be entered into two lots with separate judging for each technique. For example, a pieced quilt of hand-embroidered squares may be entered in both quilting and embroidery lots. GARMENTS AND QUILTS MUST BE CLEAN AND LAUNDERED. The Superintendent has the right to decline any exhibit that does not meet the above requirements or is not suitable for display.

Special Awards:

1. Best of Show – Best of Show ribbons will be awarded in each division (Needlework, Sewing, Quilting). Each winner will be awarded 50 bonus points.
2. Best Youth exhibit in Fabric and Fiber Arts will receive a special award. Each winner will be awarded 25 bonus points.
3. Best of Class, Superintendent's Choice will be awarded at the discretion of the judges and superintendent. Each winner will be awarded 25 extra bonus points.
4. Best of Show in the Upcycle class will receive a gift certificate from the Douglas County Historical Society Thrift Store.
5. **Fair Theme Award.** Given to the item which best exemplifies the fair theme for the Year.
6. Each day there will be an open vote by the public for People's Choice awards. There will be one award for quilts and one for non-quilts. Winners will be announced each day at 2:00 pm and will receive a ribbon plus 10 points. Participants can only be eligible to win People's Choice once from Thursday to Sunday.

NEEDLEWORK

Open Class

**2026 Fair Theme – Patriotic Sampler.
Depicting American symbols. Eagles, Old Glory or
Betsy Ross, Uncle Sam, Lady Liberty, Declaration
of Independence, etc.**

Rules, classes, and lots are the same for all divisions listed. Please put age on exhibit tags in divisions 174,175,176

Division:

- 171: Professional (orange tag)**
Creates and sells needlework articles or teaches needlework with an income of \$2,000 or more per year.
- 172: Sr. Citizen: age 62+ (aqua tag)**
- 173: Adult: age 18-61 (green tag)**
- 174: Student: age 13-17 (purple tag)**
- 175: Youth: age 7-12 (pink tag)**
- 176: Child: age 6 and under (yellow tag)**

Judging Criteria:

- Workmanship, craftsmanship and precision.
- Creativity, design, and originality.
- Harmony and suitability of color & materials or fabric.
- Visual impact, cleanliness, and presentation.

CLASS 1 – KNITTING

Includes needles, looms, other devices

Points Allowed (based on Lot):

Lot:

1. Socks, slippers, baby booties 15 12 7
2. Hats, gloves, mittens 15 12 7
3. Scarves, headbands, belts 15 12 7
4. Potholders, placemats, dishcloths 15 12 7
5. Doll, Doll Dress 20 15 10
6. Stuffed animal, toy 20 15 10
7. Baby Apparel 20 15 10
8. Adult or child sweater 20 15 10
9. Adult or child other apparel 20 15 10
10. Purse, bag 15 12 7
11. Wall hanging, centerpiece 15 12 7
12. Table runner, tablecloth 20 15 10
13. Rug 20 15 10
14. Afghan, bedspread 30 20 15
15. Other 15 12 7

CLASS 2 – CROCHET

Includes techniques such as Broomstick, Hairpin, Filet Crochet

Points Allowed (based on Lot):

Lot:

1. Socks, slippers, baby booties 15 12 7
2. Hats, gloves, mittens 15 12 7
3. Scarves, headbands, belts 15 12 7
4. Potholders, placemats, dishcloths 15 12 7
5. Doll, doll dress 20 15 10
6. Stuffed animal, toy 20 15 10
7. Baby apparel 20 15 10
8. Adult or child sweater 20 15 10
9. Adult or child other apparel 20 15 10
10. Purse, bag 15 12 7
11. Wall hanging, centerpiece 15 12 7
12. Table runner, tablecloth 20 15 10
13. Rug 20 15 10
14. Afghan, bedspread 30 20 15
15. Other 15 12 7

CLASS 3 – FABRIC ARTS – HERITAGE CRAFTS

Points Allowed (based on Lot):

Lot:

1. Needlepoint 20 15 10
2. Hand embroidery, Crewel work 20 15 10
3. Cross stitch, Bargello 20 15 10
4. Swedish Weaving, Huck Embroidery 20 15 10
5. Candle wicking 20 15 10
6. Hardanger, cutwork 20 15 10
7. Smocking 20 15 10
8. Latch Hook 15 12 7
9. Needle punch, Bunka 15 12 7
10. Plastic Canvas 15 12 7
11. Tatting 30 20 15
12. Bobbin Lace 30 20 15
13. Hand beading 20 15 10
14. Ribbon Embroidery 20 15 10
15. Other 15 12 7
16. 2026 Fair Theme – *Patriotic Sampler*

CLASS 4 – FABRIC ARTS – MACHINE WORK

Points Allowed (based on Lot):

Lot:

1. Machine Embroidery 20 15 10
2. Decorative stitches used uniquely or artfully 20 15 10

3. Ribbon embroidery 20 15 10
4. Thread painting 20 15 10
5. Multimedia 20 15 10
6. Manipulated fabric pleating rouching 20 15 10
7. Cutwork 20 15 10
8. Other 15 12 7

CLASS 5 – FIBER ARTS

All wool skeins are spun of 100% domestic wool fiber. All skeins entered to be at least 12 yards in length. All skeins should be ready for intended use – Twist is to be set in singles.

Fleece to be clean, free of manure, urine, and other debris. Fleece should be labeled as to breed of sheep, if known, weight of fleece and intended use.

Points Allowed (based on Lot):

Lot:

1. Raw wool 20 15 10
2. Handspun skeins 20 15 10
3. Hand woven article 30 20 15
4. Macramé 15 12 7
5. Wet felted article 15 12 7
6. Needle felted article 15 12 7
7. Felted from knit or crocheted item 20 15 10
8. Other 15 12 7

SEWING

Open Class

2026 Fair Theme – Happy Birthday America – Best use of Red, White, & Blue fabrics and notions

Rules, classes, and lots are the same for all divisions listed. Please put age on exhibit tags in divisions 184,185,186

Division:

- 181: Professional (orange tag)**
Creates and sells sewn articles or teaches sewing with an income of \$2,000 or more per year.
- 182: Sr. Citizen: age 62+ (aqua tag)**
- 183: Adult: age 18-61 (green tag)**
- 184: Student: age 13-17 (purple tag)**
- 185: Youth: age 7-12 (pink tag)**
- 186: Child: age 6 and under (yellow tag)**

Additional prizes may be awarded from corporate sponsors.

The following will be used in judging:

- ✓ Value of article in relation to work done, material used.
- ✓ Suitability of material to purpose
- ✓ Workmanship: right and wrong sides
- ✓ Design in keeping with function: color, suitability, and coordination
- ✓ General appearance, clean and pressed

CLASS 1 – CLOTHING

Points Allowed (based on Lot):

Lot:

1. Blouse, shirt 15 12 7
2. Skirt 15 12 7
3. Pants, slacks 15 12 7
4. Dress 15 12 7
5. Jacket, coat 20 15 10
6. Formal attire 20 15 10
7. Lingerie 20 15 10
8. Sleep wear, robe, nightgown 15 12 7
9. Fleece wear 15 12 7
10. Leather garment 20 15 10
11. Quilted garment 20 15 10
12. Other 15 12 7

CLASS 2 – ACCESSORIES

Points Allowed (based on Lot):

Lot:

1. Purse, bag 20 15 10
2. Leather accessory 20 15 10
3. Apron 15 12 7
4. Hat, mittens, gloves 20 15 10
5. Scarves, ties, belts 15 12 7
6. Travel accessories 20 15 10
7. Quilted accessory 20 15 10
8. Other 15 12 7

CLASS 3 – HOUSEHOLD & MISCELLANEOUS

Points Allowed (based on Lot):

Lot:

1. Pothead, placemat, table runner 15 12 7
2. Appliance cover 15 12 7
3. Pillow, pillowcase 15 12 7
4. Wall hanging 15 12 7
5. Table decoration 15 12 7
6. Bowls (3) or quilted item 15 12 7
7. Rug 15 12 7
8. Stuffed animal, toy, rag doll 15 12 7
9. Doll clothes 15 12 7
10. Ornaments 15 12 7
11. Other 15 12 7

CLASS 4 – UPCYCLED SEWING

Indicate the parts of the item which have been UPCYCLED and what they are made from. For example, for a pair of mittens, you might say the outside is made from sweater sleeves and the lining is made from fleece jacket sleeves.

Points Allowed (based on Lot):

Lot:

1. Pillow 30 20 15
2. Purse, bag 30 20 15
3. Skirt, dress 30 20 15
4. Apron 30 20 15
5. Use of old denim 30 20 15
6. Mittens, gloves, socks 30 20 15
7. Other 30 20 15
8. 2026 Fair Theme – *Happy Birthday America*

QUILTS

Open Class

2026 Fair Theme – America at 250 – Quilt or wall hanging depicting the 250th Anniversary of American Independence

Rules, classes, and lots are the same for all divisions listed. Please put age on exhibit tags in divisions 190,191,192

Division:

187: Professional (orange tag)

Creates and sells quilted articles or teaches quilting with an income of \$2,000 or more per year.

188: Sr. Citizen: age 62+ (aqua tag)

189: Adult: age 18-61 (green tag)

190: Student: age 13-17 (purple tag)

191: Youth: age 7-12 (pink tag)

192: Child: age 6 and under (yellow tag)

- Exhibits that significantly combine two separate techniques may be entered into both sections. For example, cross-stitched blocks used in a quilt may be entered in needlework and quilting.
- Quilts must be finished and clean. Judging Criteria:
 - ✓ Appearance, visual impact, presentation
 - ✓ Design, creativity, suitability of fabrics, organization.
 - ✓ Craftsmanship, piecing precision, quilting, binding

CLASS 1 – TABLE RUNNERS, WALL HANGINGS

Items smaller than 30" x 40".

Points Allowed

Lot:

1. Hand quilted and/or hand pieced, appliqued 30 20 15
2. Machine pieced or appliqued, quilted exhibitor 20 15 10
3. Machine pieced or appliqued, quilted-non-exhibitor 20 15 10
4. Machine embroidered and quilted all in one 20 15 10
5. Group quilt project 20 15 10

CLASS 2 – BABY TO CRIB

Size greater than 30"x 30" but smaller than 50"x 65".

Points Allowed (based on Lot):

Lot:

1. Hand quilted and/or hand pieced, appliqued 40 30 20
2. Machine pieced or appliqued, quilted exhibitor 30 20 15
3. Machine pieced or appliqued, quilted-non-exhibitor 30 20 15
4. Machine embroidered and quilted all in one 30 20 15
5. Group quilt project 30 20 15

CLASS 3 – TWIN TO FULL

Size greater than 50" x 65" but smaller than 90" x 108".

Points Allowed (based on Lot):

Lot:

1. Hand quilted and/or hand pieced, appliqued 50 35 25
2. Machine pieced, appliqued, quilted exhibitor 40 30 20
3. Machine pieced or appliqued, quilted - non-exhibitor 40 30 20
4. Machine embroidered and quilted all in one 40 30 20
5. Group quilt project 40 30 20

CLASS 4 – QUEEN TO KING

Size greater than 90" x 108".

Points Allowed (based on Lot):

Lot:

1. Hand quilted and/or hand pieced, appliqued 50 30 25
2. Machine pieced, appliqued, quilted exhibitor 40 30 20
3. Machine pieced or appliqued, quilted-non-exhibitor 40 30 20
4. Machine embroidered and quilted all in one 40 30 20
5. Group quilt project 40 30 20

CLASS 5 – MISCELLANEOUS

Points Allowed (based on Lot):

Lot:

1. Tied quilt 30 20 15
2. Puff quilt 30 20 15
3. Rag quilt 30 20 15
4. Other 30 20 15
5. 2026 Fair Theme – *America at 250*