

Judging Clothing

Perfect Score

Workmanship (from the outside)	50
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clean, well pressed • garment is cut on grain of fabric • pattern runs in same direction on each piece • all patterns are matched • trims or fasteners are sewn on neatly and securely • topstitching is straight, even and of correct length • buttonholes, belts, pockets, collars or cuffs are well made • zipper lies flat, is covered and is neatly stitched • gathers, if any, are evenly distributed • set-in sleeves are smooth, with no puckers • garment hangs well, with no puckers or pulls • hem area is smooth with no puckers or stitches showing 	
Workmanship (from the inside)	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interfacing and lining are of suitable type and weight • lining and interfacing are attached correctly • stitching is of even length and tension • seam finish suits fabric and is neat • dart stitching tapers gradually • seams are trimmed and graded to reduce bulk • facings are flat, smooth and do not roll to outside • curved seams lie flat without puckering • hem is of even width; secure and well attached 	
Design, Colour and Materials.....	20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • choice of design, colour and materials shows creativity and individuality • up to date style, suitable for intended use • fabric, trims and notions are suited to intended use 	
Total	100

Advanced Judging Ideas

Senior members could take other factors into consideration, such as:

Cost of Construction:

- cost of fabric, notions
- time involved
- wearability of garment

Washing Instructions/Care:

- easy to care for and easy to wear
- dry cleaning is costly
- hand washing and ironing can be time consuming

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Sewing techniques have continued to improve. This means that clothes can be sewn more quickly, with less work involved on the inside. The emphasis has changed from a beautiful inside to a beautiful outside and a functional inside. This does not mean that the inside should be sloppy or unfinished.

Some points to remember when judging clothing:

- be sure that the pattern suits the fabric and the intended wearer
- decorative trim and notions should also suit the fabric and pattern
- the style should be up to date and relatively easy to care for
- the workmanship should also be of a high standard

