

Elkhart County 4-H Fair
2025 Open Class Fashion Show



Entry deadline: July 1, 2025

Judging: Thursday, July 10 – 7 p.m.

Open House Show: Thursday, July 17 – 6:30 p.m.

1. Eligibility: All Elkhart County residents and/or people who participate in Elkhart County Extension activities are eligible to participate.
2. Garments modeled must have been newly constructed after September 1, 2024. Any suitable fabric or technique (knitting, crocheting, etc.) may be used.
3. Contestants may enter in several categories. The same garment may also be entered and win in the Special Wool Fashion Show at the Indiana State Fair.
4. Contestants must model their own garment EXCEPT where otherwise noted.
5. Judging will be the Thursday before the Open House show at 7 p.m. in the ECCC Building. **Add-ons or changing of categories will not be permitted on judging night.**
6. Written comments will be made on a score sheet and will be available for pick up from the announcer after the fashion show.
7. Participants are encouraged to enter their garments in the Sewing section of the Home and Family Arts Department on Monday, July 14. Garments entered in Open Class Sewing must be returned following the public show.

Categories

- A. **Aprons**—(Elkhart County only) One or more aprons that you have sewn.
- B. **Coats or Suits**—(1 person modeling) Separate coat for your wardrobe, to be judged solely as a coat with its own accessories. Suits being two or more pieces (i.e., skirt or pants with jacket, cape, or vest of the same fabric, shown with or without its own blouse or shirt). Jacket, coat, cape or vest must be lined.
- C. **Dresses**—(1 person modeling) One- or two-piece. Includes a dress with own jacket, coat, vest or jumper and blouse.
- D. **Family Outfits**—Person wearing outfit she/he has made, plus any other individuals wearing garments sewn for them with a coordinated or themed look.
- E. **My Choice**—(1 person modeling) Active wear (i.e., tennis wear/swimwear), western, loungewear or costumes (such as historic, dance, international or Halloween) which do not fit in the other classes listed. No bridal gowns, see wedding gowns, etc.
- F. **Embellished w/Hand or Machine Embroidery**—(1 person modeling) Any garment that has been constructed and that is embellished by hand or machine embroidery. Refer to line #2, as this garment cannot be store bought, but has to have been made and then embellished by hand or machine embroidery.
- G. **Separates**—(1 person modeling). True coordinates. May be 2, 3, or more garments selected and modeled together for a complete look. All garments must be worn. Each piece should be important enough to stand on its own with other garments. Accessory items such as a sweater, blouse or shirt

may be purchased garments.

- H. **Sewing for Others/Children Birth to Age 5** (as of January 1st)—only 1 child. Any type of garment, seamstress must be present.
- I. **Sewing for Others/Children Ages 6-12** (as of January 1st)—only 1 child. Any type of garment, seamstress must be present.
- J. **Sewing for Others/Teen Ages 13-17** (as of January 1st)—only 1 child. Any type of garment, seamstress must be present.
- K. **Sewing for Others/Adult** (18 or older as of January 1st)—only 1 adult. Any type of garment, seamstress must be present.
- L. **Wedding Gowns**—(1 person modeling). Seamstress of the garment must be present at the judging.
- M. **Bridesmaids or Formal Dresses**—(1 person modeling). Seamstress of the garment must be present at judging.

Score Sheet

Following is a summary of the score sheet that the judges will use. The score sheet has been developed to help you understand the points the judges are looking at:

- I. The Contestant - appearance, posture, poise, and grooming..... 35%
- II. The Costume on the Contestant - becoming, fit, style, texture, fabric, effect of undergarments, and accessories 40%
- III. The Constructed Article - fabric and trimmings, workmanship, related values, and the quality of work as it contributes to the overall look as it is modeled 25%

Registration and Awards

Complete registration form and a short narrative of the outfit to be modeled on a separate paper. This will be reviewed at judging. This MUST be submitted by July 1. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!

Awards will be presented during the Open House Fashion Show. A prize will be awarded to the first-place winner in each division. A prize will be awarded to the Grand Champion for the best overall entry.

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Fashion Show Entry Form

Due: July 1, 2025



1. **Please use a separate form for each entry.**
2. All forms are **due by July 1, 2025** in order to develop a judging schedule.

Name _____ Phone: (H) _____ (C) _____

Address _____
City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Category

- _____ A. Aprons (Elkhart County Only)
- _____ B. Coats or suits
- _____ C. Dresses
- _____ D. Family outfits
- _____ E. My choice
- _____ F. Embellished w/hand or machine embroidery
- _____ G. Separates
- _____ H. Sewing for others/children birth to age 5
- _____ I. Sewing for others/children ages 6 to 12
- _____ J. Sewing for others/teens ages 13 to 17
- _____ K. Sewing for others/adult age 18 and over
- _____ L. Wedding gowns
- _____ M. Bridesmaids or formal dresses

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Fabric information: Color, kind, fiber content:

attach fabric sample(s)

Description of garment – fabric, neckline, sleeves, skirt, kind of closing, pockets, etc.:

The pattern envelope may assist you with this.

Pattern Company _____ Pattern Number _____

Description of accessories: Color, shoes, jewelry, other:

Who will be modeling your garment?

Name of model

Age

Relationship to seamstress

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Return Entry Form **by July 1, 2025** to:

(No late entries will be accepted.)

Purdue Extension Elkhart County
Fashion Show Entry
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