

## STATE COMPETITION

December 2 & 3, 2011  
BILLINGS MT

### WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES?

- To promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabrics and yarns
- To encourage personal creativity in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning and weaving wool fabrics and yarns
- To recognize creative skills
- To develop life skills, including:
  - being responsible for one's self
  - being a good sport
  - accepting judges' decisions
  - learning about and appreciating diversity

### WHO CAN ENTER?

- Pre-teens, age 12 and under
- Juniors, ages 13-16
- Seniors, ages 17-24
- Adults, age 25 and older  
(Ages as of December 31, 2011)
- Made for Others (any age)

All categories may not be available in each state.  
(Check with state director for specific information.)

Anyone regardless of race, creed or sex who meets age and other guidelines may participate.

Pre-teens, junior, senior, and adult contestants must select, construct and model their own garments. Made for Others entries: the intended wearer must model garments.

## NATIONAL FINALS JANUARY 26-28, 2012

Scottsdale, Arizona

### WHAT CAN I ENTER?

Juniors, Seniors, Adults, Made for Others may enter:

**One-piece garment:** dress, jumper, outerwear jacket, coat or cape

**Two-piece garment:** coat, jacket, cape, blouse/shirt, vest or sweater with dress, jumper, skirt, pants or shorts

**Ensemble:** (3 or more garments worn together at one time) coat, jacket, cape, blouse/shirt, vest, and/or sweater with dress, jumper, skirt, pants or shorts

Pre-teens may enter:

Dress, jumper, skirt, pants, shorts, vest, sweater, shirt/blouse, jacket, or a combination of garments

Wearable Accessory:

May compete at district/state levels only at discretion of individual state director.

**To be eligible, a garment must have been completed after January 1, 2011.**

### MONTANA MIWW ENTRY FEE \$3.00

Per piece of fabric or yarn used in garment/s. All samples will be tested by MT Wool Lab. Entry fees are due 2 weeks prior to district contest.

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**NATIONAL MAKE IT WITH WOOL**

**COMPETITION**

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**Be a Winner with Wool  
Enter the 2011 Contest**

Make It With  
**Wool**



L to R: Senior winner - Marcela Lopez, Nebraska • Fashion/Apparel Design winner - Emily Parks, Illinois • Adult winner - Susan Smith, Indiana • Junior winner - Erika Waalkes, Michigan

**NATIONAL COMPETITION**

**January 26-28, 2012**

**"The Scottsdale Plaza Resort"  
Scottsdale, Arizona**

## WHAT FABRICS/YARNS CAN I USE?

- 100% wool or wool blend (minimum 60% wool or specialty wool fiber) for each fashion fabric or yarn used. Specialty wool fibers include mohair, cashmere, alpaca, camel, and llama.
- The entire garment body (back, front and sleeves) must be wool or wool-blend fabric.
- Trims, facings, linings, interfacings and underlinings may be fabrics other than wool or wool blends.

## WHERE CAN I PURCHASE WOOL OR WOOL-BLEND FABRICS?

- Local fabric stores
- Mail-order resources
- Internet sites
- Resource listings:
  - Sewing magazines
  - ASI Web site ([www.sheepusa.org](http://www.sheepusa.org))
  - Mohair Council of America
  - State Directors
- MIWW website ([www.MAKEITWITHWOOL.com](http://www.MAKEITWITHWOOL.com))

## HOW CAN I BE CERTAIN MY FABRICS/YARNS ARE WOOL?

Check the fiber content by performing this self-test:

- Place a 1" fabric square in 1 cup NEW CLOROX bleach. 100% wool will begin to disintegrate within 1 hour and should have no residue after several hours. Wool blends will have fibers remaining. Note: Fabric finishes and other natural fibers may affect the test results.
- Send it to the testing laboratory for a more accurate analysis. There is usually a charge for this service. Ask your state director for more information.
- Additional testing will be done prior to the state and national contests.

## WHAT ARE THE JUDGING CRITERIA?

- Appropriateness to contestant's lifestyle
- Coordination of fabric/yarn with garment style and design
- Contestant's presentation
- Construction quality
- Creativity

Judging is private and decisions are final.

## HOW CAN I ENTER?

- You must participate in the state where you live or attend school.
- You may enter more than one garment, using a separate form for each entry.
- Past National Junior and Senior winners may not compete again in the same age division.
- Past National Adult photo/video winner may not compete again for 3 years.
- Complete and mail attached entry form as directed, with non-refundable fee for EACH entry:
  - \$10 Pre-teens
  - \$10 Juniors, Seniors, Adults, Made for Others, Fashion/Apparel Design
  - \$10 Wearable Accessories
- Attach a 5"x5" sample of each wool or wool blend fabric or knitted, crocheted or woven swatch to each entry form.
- Separate "Fashion/Apparel Design" Scholarship Competition for college students enrolled in that curriculum. Check website for **NEW CHANGES**, or send a SASE to request information.

**For additional information, send questions and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:**

**National Make It With Wool Competition  
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## WHAT ARE THE PRIZES?

- Junior and Senior state winners advance to the National Competition.
- Adult state winners send 5"x7" photos and video (maximum 3 minutes) of themselves wearing garment(s) to national photo competition. National Adult winner receives a trip to model in the National Competition.
- Fabrics, sewing books, equipment and notions are awarded at State and National levels.
- Scholarships/awards awarded at National level:

**\$2,000 American Sheep Industry Women**  
(Junior and Senior winners)

**\$1,000 Pendleton Woolen Mills**  
(Junior winner)

**\$1,000 Mohair Council of America**  
(Junior or Senior Award for a complete garment made of mohair)

**\$1,000 American Wool Council**  
(Fashion/Apparel Design)

## SPECIAL NATIONAL AWARDS:

- Exemplary Construction (*Creative Craft Group/Sew News* magazine)
- Machine Embroidery (*Creative Craft Group/Creative Machine Embroidery* magazine)
- Use of a Claire Shaeffer's "Custom Couture Collection" pattern from Vogue Pattern Co. (*Claire Shaeffer*)
- Use of a "Wild Ginger" Software pattern (*Wild Ginger Software, Inc.*)
- Use of a Kwik Sew Pattern (*Kwik Sew Pattern Company*)
- Use of 100% American Merino Wool (*American Delaine Merino Record Assoc.*)
- Top Winners: "Project Runway" Limited Edition Sergers (*Brother International*)

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