



ADULT FIBER ARTS ENTRY GUIDE

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Each exhibitor will receive one 2017 Alameda County Fair admission ticket at time of entry delivery

For Questions, please contact:
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925-426-5121

Entry Deadline: April 26th

***Late Entries: Available ONLINE only through May 12th -- \$5.00
Per Entry***

***Same Day Entry May 19th & May 20th: \$10 Per Entry
(must bring printed entry form along with entry and payment
during delivery periods)***

Schedule

| Category | Online Entry Deadline | Delivery Information | Release Information |
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| Preserved Foods, Quilts, Knit/Crochet, Sewing, Arts & Crafts, Wood, Special Craft Competitions, etc. | April 26 th | Grandstands *NEW LOCATION* Friday, May 19 th 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. Saturday, May 20 th 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Building C—South Door Tues. July 11 th 12-8 p.m. |

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FIBER ARTS

Please read competition guidelines: Changes are made each year.

1. Eligibility:
 - a) Open to residents of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Solano Counties.
 - b) Professional exhibitors (one who has sold more than half of the items made in any year within the entry category, who has taught classes for payment, or is employed in the industry) must enter in the Professional categories only. Professionals receive ribbons, but do not qualify for premiums.
 - c) The exhibitor must home prepare all entries within one year of the opening date of the fair. Items that have been shown at previous Alameda County Fairs are not eligible and will be disqualified.
 - d) The Fair Association reserves the right to refuse any entry or to refuse to display any entry considered not to be in the best interest of the Fair.
 - e) No entry will be accepted where an exhibitor prescribes conditions under which they will exhibit.
 - f) To enter in Senior categories, exhibitor must be 62 years or older. Entering in a senior class prohibits entries in other classes within the same division.
2. Entry Limits:
 - a) Please note all division and class limits.
 - b) All entries will be accepted unless the exhibitor is otherwise notified.
 - c) Entry Fees will not be refunded.
 - d) Similar items may not be entered in multiple divisions or classes.
 - e) Any other classes are for entries that do not fit under another category.
 - f) Items may be transferred to a different division or class by fair personnel. This may result in the exhibitor exceeding class limits which may affect award eligibility.
3. Handling:
 - a) Greatest care will be exercised in handling exhibits, but the Fair Management, Alameda County Fair Association, and the County of Alameda will not be held liable for loss, theft or damage of any kind from any cause. Submission of any work constitutes an agreement to this effect.
 - b) No one but the judges and departmental personnel will be allowed to handle exhibits.
4. Display & Presentation:
 - a) Exhibits are displayed to interest the public and showcase the exhibits. The Alameda County Fair assumes total design control over the presentation of the exhibit.
 - b) The Fair will provide an exhibit tag. Please enter with the exhibitor's name as you wish it to appear.
 - c) Items that are soiled or showing wear will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
 - d) All Quilts and Wall hangings must have a sleeve.
 - e) Displays change every year. While entries will be secure, most items will be not be displayed behind glass or in cases.
 - f) Weight of entry is not to exceed 25 pounds without prior approval. To request approval, please email entries@alamedacountyfair.com
5. Judging:
 - a) Entries are judged using the American System of Judging where exhibits are judged against each other. There is the availability of one 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place. Honorable Mention may be awarded at the judge's discretion. All 1st place winners in a division will compete against each other for the Best of Show. Judges may choose to omit a placing if is believed to be without merit.
 - b) Qualified judges are selected by the Alameda County Fair. Judging decisions are final.
 - c) Judging results will not be given out by phone, mail, or email.
 - d) The Fair does not guarantee the payment of Sponsored special premiums and awards as they are secured in good faith.
 - e) Sweepstakes ties will be broken by number of 1st place entries.
6. Ribbons:
 - a) Ribbons will be handed out at the time of entry pick up. When your exhibit tag indicates that a ribbon has been won, the ribbon is often not displayed—any ribbons won will be waiting for you when you pick up your item.
7. Entry Pick-Up
 - a) Exhibits may not be removed prior to the release day(s).
 - b) Exhibits may be picked up by anyone who has your claim check.
 - c) Exhibits not picked up on the release day(s) will be retained at the Exhibit Office at the owner's risk. There is a storage fee per exhibitor. The Fair Association will not be responsible for unclaimed exhibits and may dispose of remaining items at the start of the Labor Day Weekend.



Crochet:

Entry Fee: \$2.00 Per Entry
Limit: 2 Entries Per Class, Per Exhibitor
No Limit for Professional

DIVISION 141—Crochet Afghans

CLASS:

1. Combination—2 or more types of stitches. No Afghan Stitch.
2. Any Open Stitch
3. Any Closed Stitch
4. Any Other (specify)
5. Lap Size, Any Stitch
6. Seniors (specify)

DIVISION 142—Crochet Items

CLASS:

1. Sweater, any weight yarn.
2. Scarves & Shawls
3. Hats
4. Accessories (purses, gloves, etc.)
5. Crochet Trimmed Accessories
6. Lace or Doilies up to 36"
7. Crochet Art (wall hangings, decorations, etc.)
8. Crochet Doll or Animal
9. Any Other Crochet (specify)
10. Seniors (specify)

SPECIAL RULES:

- Please indicate on an attached card which side of the item is to be displayed.
- Please attach a skein or card to your entry indicating the type of yarn used.
- If there is more than one unattached piece, please label each piece 1 or 3, 2 of 3, etc.
- Afghans—class 1-4:
 Maximum size 70"x75" (not counting fringe)
 Minimum size 48"x60"
- Afghans/Blankets in Infant/Toddler Division should be crib size.

Judging Standards:

25% **Appearance**
 50% **Workmanship**
 25% **Suitability**
 100%

Divisions 141-144:

Cash Prizes Per Class:
1st Place: \$10.00
2nd Place: \$7.00
3rd Place: \$5.00

Textile Sweepstakes:

(Divisions 141-162)
Based on points earned:
 (1st=5 points, 2nd=3 points, 3rd=1 point)
1st Place: \$30
2nd Place: \$25
3rd Place: \$20
4th Place: \$15
5th Place: \$10

DIVISION 143— Infant & Toddler Crochet

Afghans

CLASS:

1. Afghan or Blanket—Any Open Stitch
2. Afghan or Blanket—Any Closed Stitch
3. Afghan or Blanket—Combination (2 or more types of stitches)
4. Seniors—Afghan or Blanket

DIVISION 144--Infant & Toddler Crochet Items

CLASS:

1. Single Item (dress, booties, hat, etc.)
2. Set (2 or more pieces)
3. Any Other Infant & Toddler Crochet Item (specify)
4. Seniors—Any Infant & Toddler Crochet Item (specify)

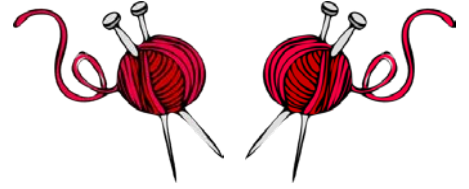
DIVISION 199—Professional Crochet

CLASS:

6. Professional Crochet (specify)

Appointments may be made to deliver **10 or more** items on Thursday, May 18th from 12-4 p.m.
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Knitting:



Entry Fee: \$2.00 Per Entry
Limit: 2 Entries Per Class, Per Exhibitor
No Limit for Professional

DIVISION 145—Hand Knit Sweaters

CLASS:

1. Child, Any Weight Yarn
2. Adult, plain stitch or overall pattern
3. Adult, one color, pattern stitch
4. Adult, multi-color, pattern stitch
5. Adult, Fisherman's knit (Irish)
6. Any Other Sweater (specify)
7. Seniors

DIVISION 146—Hand Knit Items

CLASS:

1. Knit Afghan, any size
2. Flat Accessories (scarf, shawl, etc.)
3. Socks
4. Accessories (hats, purses, etc.)
5. Knit Art (wall hanging, decorations, etc.)
6. Any Other knit (specify)
7. Seniors (specify)

SPECIAL RULES:

- Please attach a skein or card to your entry indicating the type of yarn used.
- Afghans/Blankets in Infant/Toddler Division must be crib size.
- Professionals receive ribbons only—no premiums.
- For Needle Felting, please see the Needlework division.
- If there is more than one unattached piece, please label each piece 1 or 3, 2 of 3, etc.

DIVISION 147—Hand Knit for Infants & Toddlers

CLASS:

1. Afghan or Blanket (Crib Size)
2. Single Item (dress, booties, etc.)
3. Set (2 or more pieces)
4. Any Other (specify)
5. Seniors (specify)

DIVISION 148—Specialty Knitting

CLASS:

1. Any Specialty Knitting (loom, machine, etc.)

DIVISION 199—Professional

CLASS:

8. Professional Knitting

Judging Standards:

25% **Appearance**
 50% **Workmanship**
 25% **Suitability**
 100%

Divisions 145-148:

Cash Prizes Per Class:

1st Place: \$10.00
2nd Place: \$7.00
3rd Place: \$5.00

Textile Sweepstakes:

(Divisions 141-162)

Based on points earned:
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3rd Place: \$20
4th Place: \$15
5th Place: \$10

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Lace & Tatting:

Entry Fee: \$2.00 Per Entry
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DIVISION 149—Lace & Tatting

CLASS:

1. Bobbin Lace, Torchon Style
2. Bobbin Lace, Any Other Style
3. Tatting
4. Any Other Lace Technique

DIVISION 199—Professional Lace & Tatting

CLASS:

8. Professional Lace & Tatting (specify)

SPECIAL RULES:

- Please remove any glass on items that are framed.
- Framed pieces must have an appropriate hanger or stand.

Judging Standards:

70% **Workmanship & Technical Skills**
 20% **Appearance & Overall Impression**
 10% **Difficulty Factor**
 100%

Division 149:

Cash Prizes Per Class:

1st Place: \$6.00
2nd Place: \$4.00
3rd Place: \$3.00

Textile Sweepstakes:

(Divisions 141-162)

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Needlework & Embroidery:

Entry Fee: \$2.00 Per Entry
Limit: 2 Entries Per Class, Per Exhibitor



**DIVISION 150—Needlework
CLASS:**

1. Counted Cross Stitch – finished size up to 18” (not including frame)
2. Counted Cross Stitch – finished size over 18” (not including frame)
3. Needle Felting
4. Needlepoint
5. Any Holiday Needlework
6. Any Fair Themed Needlework
7. Senior—Any Needlework

**DIVISION 151—Embroidery
CLASS:**

1. Surface Embroidery
2. Machine Embroidery
3. Any Other Embroidery
4. Senior—Any Embroidery

**DIVISION 199—Professional
CLASS:**

9. Professional--Any Needlework/Embroidery

SPECIAL RULES:

- Any framed pictures need to have the back neatly finished and ready to hang with picture wire or have an appropriate stand.
- Glass and Plexiglas should be removed from any frames before delivery. Artwork with glass or Plexiglas will be marked down due to judges not being able to clearly see technique.
- Sleeves are required on any wall hangings.

Judging Standards:
30% **General Appearance**
50% **Workmanship**
20% **Suitability**
100%

Division 150-151
Cash Prizes Per Class:
1st Place: \$8.00
2nd Place: \$6.00
3rd Place: \$4.00

Textile Sweepstakes
(Divisions 141-162)
Based on points earned:
(1st=5 points, 2nd=3 points, 3rd=1 point)
1st Place: \$30
2nd Place: \$25
3rd Place: \$20
4th Place: \$15
5th Place: \$10

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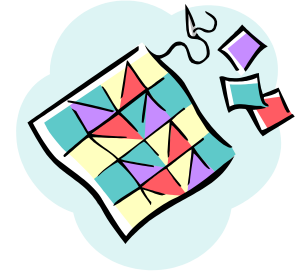
Division 199: Professional Quilting

Entry Fee: \$2.00 Per Entry

Limit: No Limit

CLASS:

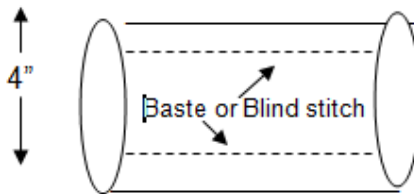
- 10. Any Professional Bed Quilt
- 11. Any Professional Wall Hanging
- 12. Any Other Professional Quilting (clothing, pillow, table runner, etc.)



SPECIAL RULES:

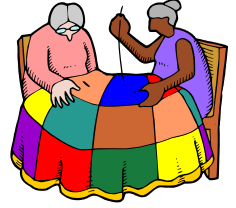
- **All quilts and wall hangings MUST have a 4" sleeve** casing at the top back to accommodate a cross pole for hanging. Sleeve must be continuous across the width of the quilt. Fold a 9" strip of fabric in half and sew with a 1/2" seam, making a long tube. Place seam against quilt back and baste or blind stitch sleeve in place 1" below top and 1/2" from each side, taking care not to sew through the front of the quilt. (See figure)
- **Please ensure that both the top and bottom of the sleeve are sewn securely to the quilt for hanging purposes.**
- **Quilts larger than our display area may need to be pinned.**
- In cases where someone other than the exhibitor did the quilting, please specify the quilter's name when entering.
- Professionals receive ribbons only. There are no premiums in this division.
- **When necessary due to space constraints, only a portion of non-rosette winning quilts may be visible.**

Judging Standards:
 50% **Art**
 50% **Construction**
 100%



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Quilting:



Entry Fee: \$2.00 Per Entry
Limit: 2 Entries Per Class, Per Exhibitor

DIVISION 152—Hand Quilted By Exhibitor

CLASS:

1. Bed Quilt
2. Wall Hanging

DIVISION 153—Machine Quilted By Exhibitor

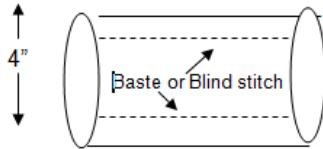
CLASS:

1. Bed Quilt—Full to King
2. Bed Quilt—Twin & Smaller (crib, lap, etc.)
3. Wall Hanging

DIVISION 154—Specialty Quilting

CLASS:

1. Miscellaneous Quilts (tied, yo-yo, etc.)
2. Quilted Clothing
3. Other Quilted Item (pillow, table runner, etc.)



DIVISION 155—Quilt Top By Exhibitor.

Quilted By Another, please specify quilter's name

CLASS:

1. Bed Quilt—Full to King
2. Bed Quilt—Twin & Smaller (crib, lap, etc.)
3. Wall Hanging

DIVISION 156—Senior Quilting

CLASS:

1. Bed Quilt
2. Wall Hanging
3. Any Other (clothing, pillows, table runners, etc.)

DIVISION 157—Embellished Quilts

CLASS:

1. Any Embellished Quilt (Embroidery, special effects, etc.)

DIVISION 158—Group Quilts

CLASS:

1. Any Group Quilt

SPECIAL RULES:

- **All quilts and wall hangings MUST have a 4" sleeve** casing at the top back to accommodate a cross pole for hanging. Sleeve must be continuous across the width of the quilt. Fold a 9" strip of fabric in half and sew with a 1/2" seam, making a long tube. Place seam against quilt back and baste or blind stitch sleeve in place 1" below top and 1/2" from each side, taking care not to sew through the front of the quilt. (See above)
- **Please ensure that both the top and bottom of the sleeve are sewn securely to the quilt for hanging purposes.**
- **When necessary due to space constraints, only a portion of non-rosette winning quilts may be visible.**
- **Quilts larger than our display area may need to be pinned.**
- In cases where someone other than the exhibitor did the quilting, please specify the quilter's name when entering.

Judging Standards:

50% **Art**
 50% **Construction**
 100%

Cash Prizes Per Class:

1st Place: \$12.00
2nd Place: \$8.00
3rd Place: \$6.00

Textile Sweepstakes:

(Divisions 141-162)
Based on points earned:
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1st Place: \$30
2nd Place: \$25
3rd Place: \$20
4th Place: \$15
5th Place: \$10

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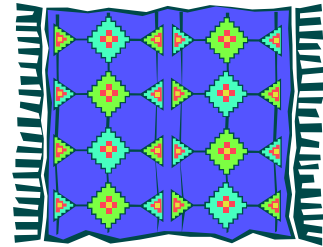
Division 159: Rugs
Division 199: Professional Rugs

Entry Fee: \$2.00 Per Entry
Limit: 2 Entries Per Class, Per Exhibitor
No Limit for Professional

RUGS –

CLASS:

1. Wide Cut
2. Fine Cut
3. Any Other Rug (specify)



PROFESSIONAL RUGS –

CLASS:

13. Any Professional Rug

SPECIAL RULES:

- To enter latch hook rugs, please go to the Arts & Crafts section.

Judging Standards:

30% **Appearance**
 40% **Workmanship**
 20% **Suitability**
 10% **Creativity**
 100%

Division 159:

Cash Prizes Per Class:

1st Place: \$10.00
2nd Place: \$7.00
3rd Place: \$5.00

Textile Sweepstakes:

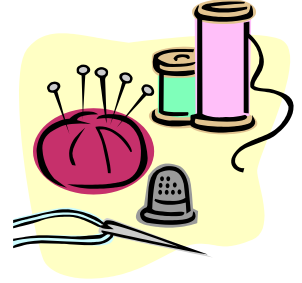
(Divisions 141-162)

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Sewing:



Entry Fee: \$2.00 Per Entry
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No Limit for Professional

DIVISION 163—Adult Clothing

CLASS:

1. One piece garment (blouse, coat, vest, dress, etc.)
2. Costume—Adult sized
3. Gowns & Formals (wedding gown, prom dress, etc.)
4. Any Coordinated Outfit
5. Any Other Clothing (specify)
6. Seniors (specify)

DIVISION 164—Children’s Clothing

CLASS:

1. Costume—Child sized
2. Dress Clothes
3. Play Clothes
4. Smocked Item
5. Any Other (specify)
6. Seniors (specify)

DIVISION 165—Miscellaneous Sewing

CLASS:

1. Apron
2. Fashion Accessories (hats, scarves, etc.)
3. Kitchen Items (pot holders, napkins, table linens, etc.)
4. Purse/Tote Bag
5. Doll Clothing—single coordinated outfit
6. Pillows
7. Any Other (specify)
8. Seniors (specify)

DIVISION 166—Repurposed Clothing

CLASS:

1. Any Repurposed Clothing Item

DIVISION 199—Professional Sewing

CLASS:

15. Any Professional Sewing

SPECIAL RULES:

- No Knit or Crochet items. Please see Knit and Crochet categories.
- Repurposed Clothing/Sewing Items are items that start as one wearable item and are turned into a different wearable item.

Judging Standards:
 40% **General Appearance**
 60% **Workmanship**
 100%

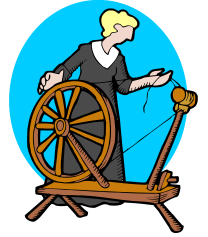
Divisions 163-166
Cash Prizes Per Class:
1st Place: \$10.00
2nd Place: \$7.00
3rd Place: \$5.00

Sewing Sweepstakes:
(Divisions 164-167)
Based on points earned:
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Spinning & Weaving:

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DIVISION 160—Hand Spun Yarn
 (Enter 1 skein)

CLASS:

1. Wool
2. Wool Blends
3. Other Animal Fiber (specify)
4. Cotton
5. Blends
6. Novelty Yarns
7. Alpaca
8. Angora
9. Any Other Fiber (specify)

DIVISION 161—Hand Spun Articles
 (Using yarn exhibitor has spun themselves)
 Include a 3 yard skein of fibers used

CLASS:

1. Hand Spun Articles (weaving, crochet, knit, etc.)

DIVISION 162—Weaving

CLASS:

1. Home Accessories (placemats, rugs, etc.)
2. Clothing Accessories (hat, scarf, etc.)
3. Any Other (specify)

DIVISION 199 Professional Spinning & Weaving

CLASS:

14. Professional Spinning/Weaving

SPECIAL RULES:

- Skeins must be at least 20 yards. Please attach 4"x4" swatch of material showing intended use of yarn to each entry.

Judging Standards:

30% **Appearance**
 40% **Workmanship**
 20% **Suitability**
 10% **Creativity**
 100%

Divisions 160-162

Cash Prizes Per Class:
1st Place: \$6.00
2nd Place: \$4.00
3rd Place: \$3.00

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