1. **IS YOUR PROJECT *REALLY* FINISHED?**

   - Garments and fabrics need to be pressed with an iron.
   - Pictures and artwork need to be framed or matted with a secure method to hang on wall.
   - Rough edges, strings, and threads need to be trimmed. Pencil marks need to be erased or washed away.
   - Excess glue, paint, runs, and drips need to be removed.
   - All projects need a hanger or stand to display them in the booth.
   - Exhibit (green) tag must be FIRMLY ATTACHED and complete.

2. **IS YOUR PROJECT *CORRECTLY* DONE?**

   - Did you follow your leaders’ instructions?
   - Have you checked for project guidelines at the Extension office?
   - Do you meet all requirements listed in the fair book?
   - Did you enter your project in the appropriate class and correct age group?
   - Is your entry tag complete?

**ARE YOU READY FOR SHOW?**

The **Interview** is very important part of your overall judging!

1. **DRESS FOR SUCCESS**

   - Choose “dress clothes” or professional style clothes. Overly bright colors and trendy styles distract the attention away from your project, which needs to be the focus.
   - Be clean and neat: no holes, stains, or sloppy clothes. Shirts are best if tucked in and belt adds distinction. Sturdy shoes add stability, especially if you are nervous.
2. MOCK JUDGING

- Practice talking about your project. Know the process in order and be able to tell how your project was completed.
- Practice good posture and eye contact. A judge wants to see pride in your efforts.
- Be prompt, remember judging ends at 3 pm.

3. WHAT MAKES MY PROJECT OUTSTANDING?

- Be knowledgeable about your project and able to communicate that knowledge to the judge!
- Special props or a unique demonstration can be impressive.
- What will make my project stand out from the others - Best of Show?

4. GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

- Be courteous when waiting in line, you will appreciate the courtesy of others when it is your turn. The judge will remember your conduct when evaluating your project, especially for extra awards.
- Be patient, some lines will be long or move slowly. Show your other projects first or talk to the Clerk/Superintendent if you need special consideration.
- Every judge has their own opinion and may not like what last year’s judge suggested. Take the opportunity to learn a new style. Respect the judge’s decision in spite of your disappointment.

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