

RECYCLING GUIDELINES

PURPOSE:

1. To learn how to take good used but presently idle fabric, clothing, or textile and create something useful again.
2. To quit storing cast off clothes and put them back into service.
3. To eliminate the pile or box of scrap materials that most homes have.

EXPERIENCE:

A knowledge of sewing skills would be necessary for most and any attempts in this area; however, a 1st or 2nd year sewer could certainly find things to do comparable to skills learned in their level of sewing.

FAIR CLASSES:

1. "Before" snapshots are the best way to provide the judge with the information of what the used fabric was originally. If that is not possible, then a good written description of the original fabric and use should be provided.

Recycled Wearable Garments would be for making over a garment into another garment.

- a) Children's clothes could be styled from teen or adult clothes.
- b) Men's clothes could be refitted and restyled into women's clothes.
- c) Fabric, like the usable portion of a quilt, blanket, sheet, etc., could be made into items like vests, hats, or patchworked into skirts, capes, etc.

2. Recycled Non-Wearable Article would be for recycling fabric into items that would not be worn.

- a) Jeans patchworked into casual spreads for picnics, bedspreads, tote bags, curtains, etc.
- b) Pieces made into appliance covers, used for appliques, patchwork items.
- c) Other ideas: They are endless, use your imagination.

STYLE SHOW:

1. If in the style show, be sure to accessorize your outfit and follow guidelines for style show participants.
2. Your commentary card should include a description of what the fabric was before you began recycling and an estimate of what costs were involved.

COST CARDS:

Are information -- not a criteria for judging other than that they need to be included and exhibited. They help the member to realize the amount spent and the observer to form realistic ideas of a budget for the project.