

Fashion Revue - Commentary Guide

You may enter in 3 categories at county level and 2 categories at state level: Here is a little help with writing commentaries. Commentaries should be between 60 and no more than 150 words. Include your name. You can also include your age, grade, school, years in 4-H or project, where you plan to wear the garment, special interest or hobby of yours.

1. Analyze garment. What is special about it? Be sure to include color descriptions.
2. List major features you want to describe, along with a few comments that relate to the garment and how it will be worn. Create an appealing mental picture with descriptive words.
3. Check your pattern envelope or directions for features or descriptions.
4. Describe the garment by starting with the obvious, then call the attention to details such as accessories that relate to the garment.
5. Use alliteration (words beginning with the same sound, i.e.: flirty flounce for ruffle).
6. Use action words. (The belt circles the waistline, a flaring hem swings.)
7. If there are two parts to your outfit, such as a coat and dress, describe the outer layer first.
8. Tell the biggest problem you encountered in sewing the outfit or what new sewing technique you learned.
9. Keep sentences short and avoid tongue twisters. Make it as bright, crisp, and informative as possible.

Helpful words and phrases for commentary writing:

accent	classy	enchanting	exciting	hot new look	jump for joy	jeweled
accessorize	chic	ensemble	fashionable	highlights	fabulous	stylish
adds to	contemporary	eye appeal	fun-loving	lovely	shimmering	subtle
appealing	compliments	feminine	gleaming	marvelous	simplicity	supercharged
artistic	creative	festive	graceful	original	smashing	swinging
authentic	daring	flounce	innocent	pastel	snappy	tangy
breath-taking	dashing	flourish	intricate	peppy	snazzy	trendy
bright	decorative	fragile	jaunty	plush	sparkling	unique
carefree	delicate	full-skirted	kicky	Practical	spirited	unusual
charming	delightful	sensational	luxurious	Quiet	sporty	versatile
classic	design	looking	modern	Rare	striking	very whimsical
crisp	dramatic	sheer, light look	zip into fashion		stunning	zesty
appealing softness	elegant	sleek styling	warming up the weather		good looks plus easy care	
best-looking	embellish	sporting				
	enhance	stylish				
big news in color	dazzling	sportswear	beautifully blended		one of the snappiest looks around	
	sophisticated					

charming mix	just for fun	super-looking	stylish sportswear	arm in arm with fashion
flattering	natural	dress-up look	light layered	ready or not...here comes
earthy	new tradition	perky	one-of-a-kind	fresh,contemporary
elegance	natural look	sleek styling	sporting	intriguing
feminine & soft	play it sporty	tucked and tied	sensational	super looking
gently flared	pull it all together	vivid hues	perfect combination	evening dazzle
graceful	rarin' to go	young & spirited	coordinates	elegant daytime version
			interesting & exciting	exquisitely delicate
contrast	ruffled & ready	young at heart zesty and bright	takes on added excitement	makes it all come together
boasts	bold	down to earth	dreamy	perfect balance between fashion & function