**California Make It With Wool Contest**

**FAQ’S**

When’s:

November 14, 2015

 Check-in- 9:00 am

Judging: 9:30am

Style Show- 2:00pm

Due Dates: entry forms- October 18, 2015

 Garments can be finished at the last minute. ☺

Where:

 Berger Drive Auditorium

 1555 Berger Dr. San Jose

 Building 2

How to enter:

 Complete an official entry form for each entry. Entry fees are non-refundable.

 Fill out 2 copies:.

*1.Send one copy to CA State Director* ***with $15*** (***check made out to Robin Sando***)and 5x5 swatch of each wool fabric used (cost is to cover lab testing, postage and contest expenses) to Robin Sando 2085 Domaine Ct, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

2.Send the second copy to the national director **with $12(*check made out to National MIWW)*** and 5x5 swatches of each wool fabric used. National MIWW Box 123, Albany , OH 45710

California is a state only contest. There are no district contests.

Entries due 3 weeks prior to competition- October 18, 2014 (postmarked)

What can I enter?: All ages as of January 1 of this year

 ***12 years and under(pre-teen****)-*

 a single garment piece such as skirt, dress, jumper, shorts, cape, coat or a combination of pieces.

 ***13-16yrs (Juniors), 17-25(Seniors), 25 and up(Adults****):*

One-piece garment-dress, jumper, outerwear jacket, coat or cape. Two-piece garment: coat, jacket, cape, blouse/shirt, skirt, pants or shorts. Ensemble- any 3 or more pieces of the above worn together at one time. (you cannot carry one of the pieces)

 **Wearable accessories**-

Any age can enter. These items can be gloves, hats, scarves, shawls, etc.

 **Made for Others**:

 A garment made by the sewer for another person. The other person will model the garment for judging and the style show.

*Any of the items listed above can be knitted as well as sewn.*

So what happens at our contest?

 You, the sewer will arrive at the appointed time and place. Check-in and change. Each category will “parade” in front of the judges. Then individually each contestant will go before the judging panel for questions and modeling of garment (privately). Once that is over, you change out of garment and it is then off to the judges for the construction portion of the competition. During this time everyone is free to go out to lunch or take a drive. Everyone then returns at 2:30 to change back into their garments for the style show and awards. You should be able to head home by 4pm.

Who goes on to the national competition?

 The junior, senior and adult winners advance to nationals.

**What Fabrics/Yarns Can I Use?**
Fabric and yarn requirements are 100% wool, or wool-blend (minimum 60% wool or specialty fiber) for each fashion fabric or yarn used. Specialty fibers include mohair, cashmere, alpaca, camel, llama and vicuna. The entire garment must be wool or wool-blend fabric.

All fabrics will be tested by the Montana Wool Lab. Anyone with fabric below the minimum of 60% wool will be disqualified from competing at the National competition. You can still be evaluated for comments at the state contest. All swatches for testing must be sent through the state director. The lab has asked that contestants not send swatches directly to them.

**Any Questions?**

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