

**Entries must be postmarked by
August 15, 2017.
No late entries will be accepted.**

I have enclosed:

An \$18 entry fee and a separate form for each entry. Checks payable to Virginia Sheep Producers Association –Virginia MIWW.

Two 5-inch by 5-inch fabric swatches and/or two 36-inch lengths of yarn used (for knitted and crocheted garments). Smaller samples will not be accepted; you may piece together smaller pieces to obtain the required size.*

**These are not the samples to be sent for testing. Those samples, with the \$7 testing fee for each, must be postmarked by August 1 in order to be sampled.*

Prizes

Winners of Junior and Senior garment category will attend the National MIWW Competition in January 2018, San Antonio, Texas.

Winner of the Adult garment competition will submit her/his entry and a DVD/thumbdrive containing images of the winner modeling the outfit to the National Adult MIWW judging event. (Garments will be returned to entrants by mail following judging). National adult winner is invited to attend the National Competition in January 2018, San Antonio, Texas.

Winners of the Preteen, Made for Others, Wearable Accessory, and Other Wool Art/Nonwearables will receive prizes as determined by the Virginia MIWW Committee.

Prizes may be changed based on participation or judges' and/or committee recommendations.

Virginia Make It With Wool will not be responsible for loss or damage to garments.

**I would like to volunteer with
Virginia Make It With Wool.**

Areas of interest/expertise:

Instruction/mentoring (knowledge of sewing, knitting, crochet, felting). Details: _____

Publicity (promoting event in your community by distributing materials, posting on social media, etc.).

Fundraising (connecting with potential individual donors, fiber guilds, and businesses to obtain donations of money and merchandise for prizes to participants.).

Judging (expertise in garment construction, knitting and crochet, felting—or willing to solicit experts in these areas).

Event organization or staffing (set up, checking in participants, enjoying the activity!).

Here's how much time I can contribute:

A couple of hours once, max.

Can give a couple of hours several times during the year, in my part of the state.

Can bird-dog one little detail for a longer period (6-12 months).

Can provide assistance for the full year of MIWW, a few hours at a time.

I'd like to make an outright donation to MIWW! Make out checks to VSPA- MIWW competition.

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Phone number _____

Thank you!

What are the judging criteria?

- Appropriate to contestant's lifestyle.
- Fit and overall appearance.
- Coordination of fabric/yarn with garment style and design.
- Contestant's presentation.
- Construction quality.
- Creativity in design and use of wool.
- Conveys/promotes the beauty, comfort, and versatility of wool.



Judging is private and the judges' decisions are final.

Six easy steps to entering

1. Choose your garment(s) and patterns.
2. Send fabric/yarn samples for testing prior to August 1, 2017.
3. Send in your entry form and fabric samples (postmarked by August 15, 2017).
4. Watch your inbox for MIWW news.
5. Sew, knit, crochet, spin, weave, felt!
6. Attend the competition in September.

Send entries to:

Martha Polkey
Virginia Make It With Wool
14605 Chapel Lane
Leesburg, VA 20176-5277

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703-727-5604

Enjoy creating with wool!



Virginia!

Statewide Competition
Saturday, September 23, 2017

Shenandoah Valley Fiber Festival
Clarke County Fairgrounds
Berryville, Virginia



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Shenandoah Valley Fiber Festival

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Why Make It With Wool?

Make It With Wool is an annual youth-centered sewing competition to promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabrics, yarns, and fibers. It is sponsored by the American Wool Council, the American Sheep Industry, and American Sheep Industry Women.

Wool is the uber natural fiber. This contest aims to encourage personal creativity in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning and weaving with wool fabrics and yarns; and in those personal creations highlight for the public the exceptional qualities of this superb fiber—its variety of types, textures, weaves and weights, adaptability to many construction techniques, versatility, and of course its beauty.

Who can enter?

Any Virginia resident may participate, regardless of race, creed, or gender, who meets age and other guidelines. Age of contestant on January 1, 2017:

Preteens (age 12 and under)
Juniors (ages 13-16)
Seniors (ages 17-24)
Adults (25 and older)



What can I enter?

All participants must select, construct, and model their own garment(s), with the exception of the Made for Others category (see below). All garments must have been completed after January 1, 2017.

Preteens may enter: Dress, jumper, skirt, pants, shorts, vest, sweater, shirt/blouse, jacket or a combination of garments.

Juniors, seniors, and adults may enter:

- **Single garment.** Dress, jumper, outerwear jacket, coat, or cape.
- **Two-piece outfit.** Outerwear coat, jacket, cape; blouse/shirt, vest or sweater with dress, jumper, skirt, pants or shorts.
- **Ensemble**--three or more garments worn together at one time. Outerwear coat, jacket, cape; blouse/shirt, vest and or sweater with dress, jumper, skirt, pants, or shorts.

- **Made for others.** Garments made for another person. The recipient must model the garment and the sewer/knitter/weaver/felter must answer the judges' questions. The garment categories are as above.
- **Wearable accessory.** Items worn to compliment a garment or outfit: a purse, hat, gloves/mittens, belt, tie, pin, scarf.
- **Other wool art/non-wearables.**



What fabrics and yarns may I use?

- 100% wool or wool blend (minimum 60% wool or specialty wool fiber) for each fabric or yarn used. Specialty wool fibers include alpaca, angora, camel, cashmere, llama, mohair, and vicuna.
- The entire garment body (back, front, and sleeves) must be wool or wool-blend fabric. Vests worn with a suit, sport coat, or blazer may have a back of non-wool fabric. Vests worn as a top layer or with outerwear coat/jacket must have a wool back.
- Trims, facings, linings, interfacings and underlining may be from fabrics other than wool or wool blends.

Testing of fabrics and yarns required

All wool fabrics and yarns must be tested for percentage of wool fiber. Contestants must send a 5-inch by 5-inch sample (pressed flat) of each fabric used (and may piece together smaller pieces to create the sample size). If your entry is knitted, crocheted, or hand-woven, attach a 5-inch by 5-inch sample and label from the skein. The testing fee is \$7 per sample.

Fabrics will be mailed for testing by the state director on:



**May 1, June 1,
July 1, August 1.**



Best to test before beginning your project! Allow a minimum of two weeks to receive test results.

Send to: Martha Polkey, Virginia MIWW Director,
14605 Chapel Lane, Leesburg, VA 20176

Don't be disappointed! Have your fabric and yarn samples tested early!



See reverse for more information.



2017 Virginia Make It With Wool Entry Form

Name _____

Sewing machine used: _____

Street _____

Serger used: _____

City _____

My fabrics have been tested:

Yes No

State _____ Zip _____

If yes:

County _____

Test number: _____ Percent wool: _____

Email address _____

Test number: _____ Percent wool: _____

Phone number _____

Test number: _____ Percent wool: _____

Age category (age as of January 1, 2017)

- Preteen (12 and under)
 Junior (13-16)
 Senior (17-24)
 Adult (25 and older)

Birth date (required) (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Items(s) to be entered:

- Single garment
 Two-piece outfit
 Ensemble (three or more pieces)
 Made for others
 Wearable accessory
 Other wool art/non-wearable

Pattern(s) used:

1. Pattern company/number: _____

2. Pattern company/number: _____

3. Pattern company/number: _____

Fabric yardage used: _____

Number of skeins used: _____

Pledge

In consideration of my being admitted to compete at any level (state or national) in the Make It With Wool Program, I agree to abide by the rules set forth in the official MIWW Entry Brochure and by the rules and regulations of those in charge. I will accept the decision of the judges as final. I further agree that those in charge shall have the right to eliminate me if I fail to comply with said rules.

I hereby certify that I personally selected and made this garment (or garments). It is my own planning and workmanship. My garment(s) are made from a minimum of 60% loomed, knitted, crocheted or felted wool fabric or yarn.

I will participate in Virginia Make It With Wool promotion efforts as requested.

Signature of Contestant

Parent or legal guardian (if minor)

Please complete reverse side of form.