

DIY DESIGN STUDIO

DEADLINE

Entry forms must be received by

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

All entry forms are needed prior to dropping off your entry, no exceptions.

DELIVERY

Deliver your items to DIY Design Studio at the LA County Fair on

**Saturday, June 3, 2017
from 8:00am - 5:00pm**

Enter through Gate 1. No entries will be accepted after 5pm.

OR

If you are mailing your entries via UPS, they must be received by

**Thurs., June 1, 2017
by 4:00pm**

Please include a duplicate copy of your entry form with your shipment.

LA County Fair / DIY Design Studio
1101 W. McKinley Ave.
Pomona, CA 91768

VISIT

Visit your entries on display from

September 1-24, 2017

Closed Mondays (except Labor Day) & Tuesdays

DIVISIONS

Please refer to the following pages for more information on our divisions.

FEES

Entry Fees are

\$2.00 Unless otherwise stated

\$5.00 Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

(No Entry Fee for Make A Child Smile)

A \$25.00 penalty will be assessed for returned checks.

PICK UP

Pick up will be at the same location as drop off, and must be picked up on

**Wed., September 27, 2017
from 8:00am - 7:00pm**

If entries are not picked up they will be donated to charity.

DISPLAY POLICY

The LA County Fair reserves the right to limit items for display to the facilities available. All entries will be on display. The Fair assumes total design control over the presentation of exhibits. The design staff shall determine location and placement of exhibits. *No exhibit changes will be made after the items are on display.*

All reasonable care will be taken in handling and displaying exhibits, but the LA County Fair assumes no responsibility for loss or damage whatsoever the cause. Submitting an exhibit implies acceptance of this rule. If insurance is desired, the exhibitor must carry it.

AWARDS

- Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.
- Best of Show Rosette and \$165.00 premium awarded to one winner chosen from all first place winners in each division, except Photography, Costumer's Guild West Authentic Costume and Help a Child Smile. See specific competition information for those divisions.
- These awards are granted at the discretion of the judges.

JUDGING

The Danish System of Judging is used in the DIY Design Studio unless otherwise stated. The judging process is based upon established standards of quality for each type of product. In this system, each exhibit is judged according to how well it meets those standards rather than how it compares with the other exhibits. Judges shall avoid unnecessary fraternization with exhibitors. No person shall be allowed, under any circumstances, to interfere with the judge, or judges, during their adjudications, or with the Fair's staff, or to offer any criticism of any exhibit of another. **NO JUDGING INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN BY TELEPHONE OR MAIL.** The judges may award first, second, third place, etc., according to merit. If without merit, the judges shall make no award under any circumstances. This rule applies whether there are one or more exhibits in the class. **THE JUDGES DECISIONS SHALL BE FINAL.**

QUESTIONS?

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CLOTHING & TEXTILES

Clothing Division 2303

Class 1- Sewing, any (limit 12 entries)

Textiles Division 2305

Class 1- Sewing, any, other than clothing (limit 12 entries)

Handmade Purses Division 2307

The entire purse must be made by exhibitor

Class 1- Any (limit 12 entries)

Embellished Ready-Made Clothing & Accessories Division 2309

Judged on embellished work only

Class includes, but is not limited to, appliqué, embroidery, fabric painting, beading, knit or crochet, ribbon embroidery, combination of techniques, wet felting, needle felting, etc.

Class 1- Any (limit 12 entries)

Wearable Art Division 2310

Wearable Art is the making of individually designed pieces of usually hand-made clothing as artistic expressions from metal, beads, found material or adding unique and stylish touches or dyeing and/or painting virgin fabric. A few artists make their own fabrics, for example, on looms. Exhibitor must have created at least 75% of the finished item.

Class includes, but is not limited to, quilted items, needle felting, hand dyed, hand painted, recycled, etc.

Class 1- Any (limit 12 entries)

Free Motion Machine Embroidery Division 2311

This is a free motion technique involving the use of a sewing machine used as a creative tool, without the aid of the feed dogs or pressure feet. It includes the darning foot when used in conjunction with free motion. All judging will be limited to yarns, threads or other types of string that can be applied through the eye of a sewing machine needle, with a sewing machine needle or on the bobbin using the free motion technique. Any embellishment that requires application by hand without concurrent use of the sewing machine needle and the absence of the feed dogs will not be judged in this category and therefore will bear no influence on the decision of the judges. Free motion use of automatic stitches that are a built-in function of the sewing machine are accepted as long as the use of the pressure foot and feed dogs are not employed. The term “sewing machine as a creative tool” refers only to domestic sewing machines. The term excludes all commercial sewing and monogramming machines.

Special Rules:

- Very small items must be mounted on a sturdy background.
- Pillows must be stuffed or use a pillow form.
- All hanging articles must be ready for hanging.
- Garments must be clean and completely finished.
- All quilts and rugs must be completed and ready for use.
- This includes home accessories, fashion accessories, millinery, greeting cards, jewelry, shoes, slippers, Christmas ornaments, linen for the bedroom and table linens.

Class 1- Any (limit 12 entries)

Wedding Attire & Accessories

Division 2313

Sewing Only (includes wedding dresses, head pieces, ring pillows, etc.)

Class 1- Any (limit 12 entries)

Cosplay

Division 2314

- **Due to space restrictions we can only accept one (1) entry per entrant.**
- All costumes should be completed at the time of entering; unfinished costumes will not be eligible for submission.
- Do not mail in submission requirements. They must be brought with your entry on Saturday, June 3.

Submission requirements

Class 1 - Re-creation

-Reference photo: This should be a clear photo/screenshot/etc. that shows the original source material the costume is based on.

-High-resolution photo of completed costume either worn or displayed, this should be the best representation of your finished costume.

Class 2 - Original design

-Sketch/concept/inspiration: We love original designs, please show us how you came up with the idea for your design by submitting a sketch, description, or inspiration board. You may include a brief description along with any images.

-High-resolution photo of completed costume either worn or displayed, this should be the best representation of your finished costume.

If desired, entrants may also submit work in progress photos, details about techniques used, design elements, details etc., anything you feel the judges may be interested in knowing about the way you made your costume.

Judging Criteria

-Costumes should be your own original construction, if your costume includes items that are store bought those items must show significant modification (does not include footwear/jewelry).

-Contestants will be judged on the following criteria:

-Craftsmanship: Construction and presentation are important, judges will award points for neatness, skill, artistry, and handiwork.

-Creativity: Innovative use of materials is an essential part of cosplay; judges will be looking for thoughtful and inventive techniques.

-Use of materials: Judges will be paying close attention to fabrics and materials used in each costume. Are they appropriate for the type of garment/application? Do they portray the original concept in the final garment?

In addition, if your costume is a re-creation:

-Accuracy: How well did the contestant translate the source material into a real-life costume? Judges will be referencing submitted reference photos for each entry.

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Entry Rules

1. Entry form must be legible and complete with fees in order to be accepted.
2. There are no refunds of entry fee. See competition or contest for individual entry fee.
3. Receipt of entry form will not be acknowledged, except for contests. Please include entry fee with the entry form. Entry forms received without the entry fee will be returned.
4. You must be 18 years or older to enter, unless otherwise stated.
5. If exhibitors are under 18 and would like to enter their DIY projects at the fair, visit www.lacountyfair.com/competitions for information on America's Kids Competitions.
6. Entries accepted from INDIVIDUALS ONLY, unless otherwise stated.
7. All articles entered must be the handiwork of the exhibitor. If, in the opinion of management, an article had previously been entered, the Fair reserves the right to withhold the item from judging and display. Items can only be entered in the LA County Fair once.
8. Only items listed and described on the entry form will be accepted for judging.
9. Delivery of all entries is on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. only. If you are unable to drop off your entry at this time you may send someone in your place or mail your item via UPS. All mailed entries must arrive by 4 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, 2017.
10. Fairplex will not be responsible for returning display hardware i.e. hangers, jewelry stands etc.
11. Articles that are stained or soiled or articles showing obvious signs of wear or use will be disqualified. Fair reserves the right to reject any exhibit or entry, if there is anything objectionable, unsuitable, or requires more space than can be given, or is in conflict with exhibit requirements.
12. All articles must not exceed 25 pounds, have sturdy hardware and be ready to hang. Articles designed for hanging that are not so-equipped will be displayed in a manner deemed appropriate by the Fair.
13. In classes calling for "any, specify" or "other than listed, specify" be sure to indicate on the entry form the type of item being entered.
14. Identification tags will be issued for all items entered and exhibitors will be given a claim check for each item.
15. Fairplex will not be liable for any entry.
16. Pick up of all entries is on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. only. If you are unable to pick up your entry at this time you may send someone in your place. Claim checks are required. If entries are not picked up then they will be donated to charity.

17. No person shall be an exhibitor or sign the entry form as an agent at the LA County Fair in any department if they are a manager, director, association member, department head, or paid employee.
18. The Los Angeles County Fair Association reserves the right to amend and add to these rules and empowers the Executive Committee with the final and absolute right to interpret all rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto.
19. The LA County Fair pays premiums ONLY in those divisions and/or classes specifically listed. Premium checks will be mailed within six (6) weeks following the close of the LA County Fair. The LA County Fair is not responsible for redemption of premiums.
20. Any exhibitor who wins over \$600.00 dollars or more in premiums or prizes must complete a W-9 form before checks are distributed in compliance with IRS regulations. A 1099 MISC will be issued to those exhibitors.
21. **UPS RETURN INFORMATION:**
 - a. Exhibitors who send articles to the Fair and wish to have them returned via UPS must enclose a check for \$20.00 with their entry form and indicate that it is for a UPS return.
 - b. Articles will be returned by October 31, 2017.
 - c. Breakable, fragile or extremely heavy articles will NOT be returned by UPS; such items MUST be picked up.
 - d. Size of the item must not exceed 130 inches in length and girth combined.
 - e. Proper packaging materials MUST accompany all exhibits that are to be shipped back.