

Scotts Bluff Valley Fiber Arts Fair

Sheep to Scarf Contest 2017

9 am to 12:30 pm Saturday September 9, 2017

Judges' comments at 1:30 p.m.

Teams may begin set up at 8 a.m. Saturday morning and should be ready for final instructions promptly at 8:45 a.m.

Rules:

1. Teams will consist of 5 members with one alternate. The alternate is to be listed on the application form. The alternate must start the contest- no substitutions can be made once the contest begins. Officials must be notified if the substitute is used.
2. An adult sized scarf must be turned into the judges by 12:30 pm to be eligible for first prize. Late scarves turned in after 12:30 pm, but before 1 pm will be eligible for other awards. Because of the time limit and the interaction between the team and the public, careful planning is crucial to be able to complete a scarf within the time limits.
3. The basic garment must be woven, but all other fiber techniques are acceptable for finishing and design purposes.
4. WEFT- Each team will use their own sheep, llama, or alpaca fiber (grown or purchased). This wool must be washed before the competition, but not carded, picked, combed, or teased. A sample of the raw fleece must be presented to the judges. Teams may select whichever fleece or fleeces they feel appropriate for their scarf. **Only white or natural colored wool is to be used.**
5. WARP – Looms are to be pre warped before the contest. The warp must be handspun before the contest by a team member. The warp will consist of at least 90% natural colored wool (sheep, llama, or alpaca). A sample of the raw fleece must be presented to the judges as well as a brief explanation of the preparation process.

6. Each team will provide its own equipment. Only “people powered” equipment will be allowed. Drum carders are allowed if they are hand cranked.
7. Sewing notions and closures are acceptable as long as they don’t detract from the natural, handmade quality of the garment.
8. The scarf must be washed before it is tuned in for judging. Warm water will be provided.
9. Each team will be provided an area of at least 144 sq. ft (12 x 12) in which to work. Teams may bring as much equipment as will fit in their space.

**SHEEP TO SCARF
JUDGING SHEET**

FLEECE:	Poss.	Earned	Comments
Appropriate use	10		
Cleanliness	10		
Color use	10		
<u>Carding:</u>			
Hand, flick, combs, drum	20		
<u>Spinning:</u>			
Singles	10		
Plying	10		
Teamwork	10		
Designer Yarns	10		
<u>Weaving:</u>			
Technical:			
Pattern	10		
Beat	10		
Selvedges	10		
Sett	10		
Finishing (Hand, fringes, hems, Embellishments)	10		
Size	10		
<u>Educational Presentation</u>			
Variety of skills demonstrated	10		
Crowd Interaction	10		
Team Interaction	10		
<u>Creativity and Flair</u>	20		
Total Points	200		
Point system: 10- outstanding, 7-9 good, 4-6 fair, 1-3 needs improvement			

The first 4 teams to apply for the Sheep-to-Scarf contest will be accepted.
Please submit a paper application to:

Brown Sheep Company
Attn: Fiber Arts Fair
100662 County Road 16
Mitchell, NE 69357