Clothing Construction Units 7 & 8 are for members ages 8-18 years old.

Sewing for Others – Unit 7

This project enables you to make garments for others, whether they are family or friends or pay you to sew for them. In this project, you make clothing for someone other than yourself. For example: if you made a wedding dress for your sister, you would exhibit it in this unit. If you made a bridesmaid dress for yourself, you would exhibit it in STEAM 3. Halloween costumes should be exhibited under Creative Sewing, Unit 5, even though you may have made it for someone else.

Members will accomplish the following learning experiences:

Unit 7
- Learn how to take accurate measurements when making a garment for someone else.
- Learn how to make a muslin fitting shell to verify fit.
- Learn how to make needed adjustments in the pattern prior to cutting the selected fabric(s).
- Learn how to evaluate your project.
- Learn about the potential of a home-based business.
- Improve modeling skills.
- Share talents acquired through demonstrations and exhibits.

Recycled Clothing – Unit 8

This project enables you to make garments for yourself from fabrics you discover in old clothing or home furnishing items. In the Recycled Clothing project, you are not to sew for others (Unit 7) or make creative sewing projects (Unit 5). If you have sewing skills and have the use of a sewing machine, you can turn little-or-never used garments or household items into usable garments.

Members will accomplish the following learning experiences:

Unit 8
- Learn to evaluate fabrics for reuse.
- Learn to evaluate your project on the quality of construction techniques used, creativity of adaption and completed e-record.
- Explore the potential for a home-based business.
- Improve modeling skills.
- Share talents acquired through demonstrations and exhibits.

Clothing Construction Garment Requirements per Unit (be sure to check current State Fair Exhibit Requirements for additional requirements):
- Unit 7 -- One garment or outfit which illustrates what was learned.
- Unit 8 -- One garment or outfit which illustrates what was learned.

Resources
- Sewing for Others Unit 7 (manual online only), MJ0507
- Recycled Clothing Unit 8 (manual online only), MJ0508
- Clothing Construction Tip Sheet
- Clothing Construction e-record