

# Colorado State Fair and Industrial Exposition

## 2026 Needle Arts Competition and Entry Requirements

### Entry Fee

- \$5 per item

### Age Groups

- Junior: *13 Years of age and younger*
- Youth: *14-18 Years of age*
- Open: *19 Years of age and older*
- Senior: *65 Years of age and older*

### Schedule

**Location** - Drop-off and pick-up will be located in the Creative Arts Building.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>
Entry Form And Fee Deadline	July 22, 2026, by 4:00 p.m
Drop-off	August 2 & 3, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Judging	Closed to the public.
Judging Results	Judging results will be posted online on Monday, August 31st, at 5:00 p.m. Results will not be posted before this time and date.
Pick-up	Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## Entry Requirements

These requirements are in addition to the 2026 Colorado State Fair General Competition Requirements, the General Entry & Fine Arts 2026 Competition & Entry Requirements, and the Colorado State Fair Exhibitor Code of Conduct.

- A. One entry per class.
- B. All Needle Arts must be sewn. Glue will be accepted only where a sewing technique cannot be used.
- C. Articles must be finished.
- D. Items soiled, worn, or deemed unworthy of judging will not be accepted.
- E. The use of patterns is permitted but is not required.

## Needle Arts Divisions And Classes

### Trending in 2026 (New!) Division 0201:

All designs must be original. Must be able to withstand being moved around and displayed.

#### Classes 0450 - 0452

- 0450. Tufting - Using a tufting gun
- 0451. Wool Applique
- 0452. Micro Crochet - Must be an inch or smaller in all directions

### Clothing Construction Division 0041

Items in this division can be made out of any material and are to be sewn.

#### Premiums

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from Colorado State Fair Authority in each group

## **Classes 0001-0019**

- 0001. Adult Dress
- 0002. Wedding Dress (veil may be included)
- 0003. Adult Suit
- 0004. Adult Skirt
- 0005. Adult Jacket or Coat
- 0006. Adult Shirt or Blouse
- 0007. Adult Vest
- 0008. Adult Pants, Shorts, or Capris
- 0009. Adult, any other clothing item
- 0010. Child/Youth Dress
- 0011. Child/Youth Casual Wear
- 0012. Child/Youth Jacket or Coat
- 0013. Child/Youth any other clothing item
- 0014. Clothing Accessories (hats, ties, purses, etc.)
- 0015. Any Garment from Recycled Fabric (must use at least 50% recycled fabric and include a brief description of recycled fabric)
- 0016. Any garment made using the 2026 theme "Fairitage"
- 0017. Costume
- 0018. Decorated Clothing (Clothing may be purchased, but the decoration must be a sewn technique.)
- 0019. Decorative Clothing Combination (Clothing may be purchased, but the decoration must be sewn, applied, painted, studded, etc.)

## **Sewing Other Than Clothing Division 0042**

Classes 0037 - 0044

Items in this division are to be sewn, as in to make by stitching with a sewing machine.

### **Premiums**

- 1st - \$15

- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from Colorado State Fair Authority in each group

#### **Classes 0037-0044**

- 0037. Stuffed and sewn toy, no pairs, under 18 inches
- 0038. Stuffed and sewn toy, no pairs, 18 inches and over
- 0039. Pillow
- 0040. Pillowcases
- 0041. Bags and Totes
- 0042. Decorative accent piece, not listed above, must be sewn
- 0043. Decorative accent piece depicting the 2026 theme “Fairitage” must be sewn
- 0044. Recycled Items other than clothing, must be sewn

#### **Rugs, Wall Hangings, Latch Hook, and Macrame Division 0043**

To be considered a wall hanging entry, it must have a sleeve or hanging hoop. Please do not bring hanging hardware.

#### **Premiums**

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from Colorado State Fair Authority in each group

#### **Classes 0054-0060**

- 0054. Rug, latch hook
- 0055. Rug, not listed above
- 0056. Wall hanging, latch hook
- 0057. Wall hanging, not listed above, must be stitched to fabric (other than quilted)
- 0058. Rug, wall hanging, or latch hook item depicting the 2026 theme “Fairitage”

- 0059. Any other latch hook item
- 0060. Macrame

## **Hand Embroidery Division 0045**

Classes 0080 - 0100

Pictures must be framed and ready to hang. No embellishments on pictures except where specified. No counted cross-stitch. No machine embroidery.

### **Premiums**

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from Colorado State Fair Authority in each group

### **Classes 0080-0100**

- 0080. Original design, any technique, picture
- 0081. Original design, any technique, other
- 0082. Stamped only, any item
- 0083. Samplers (may include alphabet lettering)
- 0084. Lettering or writing (such as poems, statements, etc.)
- 0085. Drawn thread technique (hemstitching, Hardanger, etc.)
- 0086. Counted thread technique (blackwork, etc.)
- 0087. Tablecloth - embroidery, applique, or cross-stitch (napkins may be included)
- 0088. Centerpiece, runner, or placemats
- 0089. Embroidered Apparel
- 0090. Ribbon embroidery
- 0091. Brazilian embroidery
- 0092. Embroidered picture, no sets
- 0093. Embroidered pillowcases - pair
- 0094. Embroidered pillow

- 0095. Tea towels (3-piece set)
- 0096. Hand embroidery on pre-printed fabric
- 0097. Punch needle - Russian or Bunka
- 0098. Crewel
- 0099. An item on colored printed fabric
- 0100. Embroidery, any other technique not otherwise listed (chicken scratch, metallic, perforated paper)

### **Counted Cross-Stitch Division 0046**

Pictures must be framed and ready to hang. No embellishments on pictures except where specified. Sizes referred to in classes are determined by taking the longest of the length or width of the piece inside the matting.

#### **Premiums**

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from Colorado State Fair Authority in each group

#### **Classes 0120-0135**

- 0120. Original design, picture
- 0121. Original design, other
- 0122. Stamped counted cross-stitch
- 0123. Counted cross-stitch, any item except pictures
- 0124. Counted cross-stitch samplers (may include alphabet lettering)
- 0125. Lettering or writing (such as poems, statements, etc.)
- 0126. Counted cross-stitch picture, 12 inches and under (excluding frame and mat) stitched on 7 to 14 count
- 0127. Counted cross-stitch picture, 12 inches and under (excluding frame and mat) stitched on greater than 14 count fabric

- 0128. Counted cross-stitch picture, over 12 inches to 20 inches (excluding frame and mat) stitched on 7 to 14-count fabric
- 0129. Counted cross-stitch picture, over 12 inches to 20 inches (excluding frame and mat) stitched on greater than 14 count fabric
- 0130. Counted cross-stitch picture, over 20 inches (excluding frame and mat) stitched on 7 to 14-count fabric
- 0131. Counted cross-stitch picture, over 20 inches (excluding frame and mat) stitched on greater than 14 count fabric
- 0132. Embellished cross-stitch pictures (beads, buttons, and feathers) 12 inches and under (excluding frame and mat)
- 0133. Embellished cross-stitch pictures (beads, buttons, and feathers) larger than 12 inches (excluding frame and mat)
- 0134. Counted cross-stitch dimensional items (pillow, toy, door stopper, etc.)
- 0135. Counted cross-stitch on color-printed fabric

## **Needlepoint Division 0047**

Classes 0150 - 0157

### **Premiums**

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from Colorado State Fair Authority in each group

### **Classes 0150-0157**

- 0150. Needlepoint picture or wall hanging, no sets
- 0151. Needlepoint, any other item not listed (multimedia canvas work, etc.)
- 0152. Longstitch
- 0153. Needlework on plastic canvas utility-type containers (vase, etc.)
- 0154. Large needlework on plastic canvas (free-standing items, 18 inches and larger)
- 0155. Small needlework on plastic canvas (free-standing items, 17 inches and under)

- 0156. Large needlework on plastic canvas (flat pieces, 18 inches and larger)
- 0157. Small needlework on plastic canvas (flat pieces, 17 inches and under)

## **Weaving Division 0048**

Entries must be at least 75% handwoven (lining or backing not included).

### **Premiums**

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from Colorado State Fair Authority in each group

### **Classes 0170-0196**

- 0170. Finished garment (any constructed clothing item made from handwoven fabric)
- 0171. Shawl, ruana, shrug, poncho, cape, or stole (unstructured)
- 0172. Wearable accessories (belts, purses, scarves, gloves, jewelry, hats, etc.)
- 0173. House furnishings, functional (table linens, kitchen and bath linens, pillows, throws, etc.)
- 0174. House furnishings, decorative
- 0175. Baskets
- 0176. Rugs
- 0177. Tapestry
- 0178. Woven item using narrow warp (sprang, inkle, ply-split, kumihimo, etc.)
- 0179. Woven items using painted warp, ikat, or hand-dyed yarn

### **Handspun yarn, at least a 2-ounce skein**

- 0191. Animal fiber (wool, alpaca, mohair, silk, etc.), two or more ply, fine
- 0192. Animal fiber (wool, alpaca, mohair, silk, etc.), two or more ply, bulky
- 0193. Plant fiber (cotton, linen), two or more ply
- 0194. Novelty yarns
- 0195. Handspun, handwoven item

- 0196. Handspun, hand-knitted, or crocheted item

## **Clothing Hand-knitted or Crocheted Division 0049**

### **Premiums**

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
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### **Classes 0205-0219**

- 0205. Two or three-piece infant set, hand-knitted (e.g., sweater, cap, booties, etc. - no afghans)
- 0206. Two or three-piece infant set, crocheted (e.g., sweater, cap, booties, etc. - no afghans)
- 0207. Any other infant apparel knitted or crocheted - no booties
- 0208. Dress or suit, crocheted or knitted
- 0209. Knitted sweater or vest, adult
- 0210. Crocheted sweater or vest, adult
- 0211. Knitted sweater or top, children
- 0212. Crocheted sweater or top, children
- 0213. Crocheted, wearable accessories (e.g., belts, bags, purses, shawls, etc.)
- 0214. Knitted, wearable accessories (e.g., belts, bags, purses, shawls, etc.)
- 0215. Knitted three-piece set (e.g., hat, gloves, and socks)
- 0216. Crocheted three-piece set (e.g., hat, gloves, and socks)
- 0217. Combination of knitted and crocheted items
- 0218. Felted items, knitted or crocheted
- 0219. Any other knitted or crocheted item not otherwise listed

## **Hand-knitted or Crocheted Other Than Clothing Division 0050**

### **Premiums**

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from Colorado State Fair Authority in each group

### **Classes 0220-0235**

- 0220. Table runner, crocheted or knitted
- 0221. Doily, crocheted (12 inches and under)
- 0222. Doily, crocheted (13-18 inches)
- 0223. Doily, crocheted (over 18 inches)
- 0224. Doily, knitted
- 0225. Toy, crocheted or knitted, plastic parts -no sets
- 0226. Toy, crocheted, or knitted -no plastic parts, buttons, hazardous parts, or sets
- 0227. Pillow, crocheted or knitted
- 0228. Crocheted picture (must be framed)
- 0229. Bed doll, crocheted or knitted- may be a pillow or sitting doll
- 0230. Doll clothes displayed on a doll with a doll stand, crocheted or knitted
- 0231. Tablecloth, crocheted or knitted
- 0232. Bedspread, crocheted or knitted
- 0233. Crocheted item, not mentioned above
- 0234. Hand-knitted items, not mentioned above
- 0235. Felt item, crocheted or knitted

## **Crocheted or Knitted Afghans Division 0051**

Minimum size except where listed—45 inches x 45 inches or 45 inches x 60 inches with fringe.

Must include measurements on the entry form. Items must be hand-knitted or crocheted unless otherwise specified.

### **Premiums**

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
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### **Classes 0240-0256**

- 0240. Ripple, crocheted or knitted in one piece
- 0242. Loosely, crocheted or knitted in one piece
- 0243. Round, crocheted, or knitted in one piece
- 0244. Afghan stitch, afghan stitch used
- 0245. Strip, crocheted or knitted
- 0246. Blocks, crocheted or knitted
- 0247. Any combination of classes 240-246, a minimum of three techniques
- 0248. Any other, crocheted or knitted in one piece
- 0249. Knitted afghan (no size requirement)
- 0250. Crocheted afghan (no size requirement)
- 0251. Infant, crocheted or knitted, at least 36 inches one way
- 0252. Juvenile/youth, crocheted or knitted, over 36 inches one way
- 0253. Lap blanket, crocheted or knitted, no larger than 45 inches x 45 inches
- 0254. Sports theme, crocheted or knitted, any size
- 0255. Extra large, minimum size 54 inches x 72 inches
- 0256. Machine knitted (no size requirement)

## **Machine Knitting Division 0052**

### **Premiums**

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from Colorado State Fair Authority in each group

### **Classes 0257-0262**

- 0257. Clothing
- 0258. Household item
- 0259. Wearable accessory
- 0260. Toy
- 0261. Any item depicting the 2026 theme "Fairitage"
- 0262. Machine-knitted items not otherwise listed

## **Computerized Machine Embroidery Division 0053**

### **Premiums**

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from Colorado State Fair Authority in each group

### **Classes 0280-0284**

- 0280. Clothing
- 0281. Home decor item
- 0282. Jacket
- 0283. Any other
- 0284. Original design (digitized by the exhibitor)

## Handmade Lace Division 0054

A piece must be presented for judging in such a way that any mounting, if used, will allow all aspects and surfaces of the lace, including the front, back, and edges, to be closely examined.

### Premiums

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
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### Classes 0290-0301

- 0290. Torchon and s'Gravenmoer Lace-finished piece or tied-off yardage with three (3) or more pattern repeats
- 0291. Bobbin Lace, continuous (e.g., Bucks Point, Bedfordshire, etc.) finished piece or tied-off yardage with three (3) or more pattern repeats
- 0292. Bobbin Lace, non-continuous (e.g., Honiton, Bruges, Rosaline, etc.) finished piece or tied-off yardage with three (3) or more pattern repeats
- 0293. Tatting, Needle, or Shuttle, Thread size 80 or thinner, finished piece or tied off yardage with three (3) or more pattern repeats
- 0294. Tatting, Needle, or Shuttle, Thread size 70 or heavier, finished piece or tied off yardage with three (3) or more pattern repeats
- 0295. Tape Laces (e.g., Russian, Battenberg, Princess, Idrija, etc.) finished piece or tied-off yardage with three (3) or more pattern repeats
- 0296. Mixed Media (at least 51% of the piece must be lace)
- 0297. Needle or Hand Embroidered Lace (e.g., Alencon, Gros Pointe, etc.), (e.g., Carrickmacross, Reticella, etc.)
- 0298. Lace Holiday Ornament
- 0299. Other Laces (e.g., Filet, Lacis, Applique, etc.)
- 0300. Mixed lace: any combination of the above
- 0301. Novice (less than three years of experience)

## **Holiday Items Division 0055**

### **Premiums**

- 1st - \$15
- 2nd - \$10
- 3rd - \$5
- Best of Show Rosette from Colorado State Fair Authority in each group

### **Classes 0310-0324**

- 0310. Stitched ornament
- 0311. Crocheted or knitted item (ornament, etc.)
- 0312. Any bead item must be stitched, not glued
- 0313. Holiday tree skirt, not glued
- 0314. Holiday stocking, felt, sequins or beads, not glued, 1 or set of 2
- 0315. Holiday stocking, embroidered, not glued, 1 or set of 2
- 0316. Holiday stocking, other techniques not listed above, not glued, 1 or set of 2
- 0317. Latch hook item
- 0318. Counted cross-stitch or embroidery items
- 0319. Holiday apparel
- 0320. Holiday pillow
- 0321. Plastic canvas holiday item
- 0322. Holiday quilt, bed covering, or banner
- 0323. Holiday afghans
- 0324. Any holiday-stitched item not otherwise listed

## **Heritage Division 0056**

Entries will be judged for design and craftsmanship. All entries must be handmade. Exhibitors are encouraged to include photos and some background information on the entry. Please include this background information with the entry. The information given to us will be included with the entry on display.

**Premiums**

- 1st - Ribbon
- 2nd - Ribbon
- 3rd - Ribbon

**Classes 0330-0333**

- 0330. Heritage lace or linens must be entered in the name of the person, and/or group who made the lace or linens, and the item must be at least 50 years old. If the maker is unknown, please state: Maker Unknown, Exhibited by\_\_\_\_\_. (Items will be displayed in a glass case.)
- 0331. Heritage quilt must be entered in the name of the person and/or group who made the quilt, and the quilt must be at least 50 years old. If the maker is unknown, please state: Maker Unknown, Exhibited by\_\_\_\_\_. (Items will be displayed in a glass case.)
- 0332. Bed cover (other than quilt) must be entered in the name of the person and/or group who made the bed cover, and the item must be at least 50 years old. If the maker is unknown, please state: Maker Unknown, Exhibited by \_\_\_\_\_. (Items will be displayed in a glass case.)
- 0333. Heritage Restoration - Do you have a family heirloom or nostalgic item from the past that you have restored? If so, this is the class to enter. Items must be entered in the name of the person and/or group who restored the item. The restored item must be at least 50 years old. If the maker is unknown, please state: Maker Unknown, Exhibited by\_\_\_\_\_. (Items will be displayed in a glass case.)