

TIPS FOR SHOWING IN THE HANDICRAFT SECTION

The judge will be looking at the following:-

A hand sewn item

- **Materials used** – are they appropriate for the item, too heavy, too light, etc?
- **Stitching** – colours chosen, is it neat, finished off?
- **Textures** – use of interesting textures and a range of textures will catch the eye of the judge
- **Colour** – is it pleasant to look at? Do the colours, stitches and any embellishments go together?
- **Finish** – the judge will look closely at how your item is finished off – are the stitches neat, the ends sewn in almost invisibly?
- **Originality** – for a self-design item, is it a pleasing and original design?
- **Attention to detail** – this is what will catch the eye of the judge. What is special about your item that makes it a bit more eye-catching than everything else on the table?

A hand knitted item

- Evenness of stitching and tension
- Inside there should be no knots or loose ends and seams should be as neat as possible

An original painting or drawing using any medium

Is the picture:-

- pleasant to view?
- well executed?
- using an appropriate medium for the subject?

The pictures may be framed or mounted, although they will not be hung up. You can bring a table stand to display your picture if you wish.

Any other item of handicraft not covered by the above classes

The exhibits which can come under into this class are many and varied but the judge will look for original work.