

Resources for Clothing Project Leaders

Sewing classes/instruction:

Dalhart- Sew it Seams. Fabric and alterations. She is willing to help put together a sewing class if there is interest. Would also be a good tour location.

Contact: Terri Kemp (806) 244-8429

Spearman – Jo's This and That. Fabric, mostly cotton for quilting. Regularly has quilting classes, has done and will do classes for 4-H. (806) 659-3999

Pampa – Sand's Fabric and Needlecraft. Entire range of fabrics, quilting classes (teenagers welcome at beginning classes). Will help making contacts with instructors for clothing construction classes or instruction. (806) 669-7909

Amarillo – Glennda's Creations. Specializes in Wedding dresses and alterations. Is open to doing instruction. Associate degree in Home Economics.

Contact: Glennda Boatman (806) 359-7288

Sewing Nook – Fabrics, sewing machines sales, service and repair. Regularly have sewing classes for adults, usually offer children sewing classes in summer.

(806) 355-4976

Sewing World – Sewing machines, thread, machine repair and service. Sewing classes.

(806) 352-5027

Amarillo College Continuing Education – Basic and Intermediate Sewing. Classes forming for fall, limit 12. Begin 2nd Wednesday in September. Contact Amarillo College at (806) 371-2910. or Marci Grabber (see below)

Canyon – Marci Grabber. Teaches basic and intermediate sewing classes for Amarillo College. Willing to work with individuals as well. Call for information about the Amarillo College course or about setting up classes for your club or individual 4-H. She is eager and willing to share her talents and skill. (806) 499-3514.

Tour Stops and Ideas:

Dalhart – Sew it Seams. Fabrics and Alterations. (806) 244-8429

Spearman – Jo’s This and That. Cotton fabrics, quilting. (806) 659-3999

Pampa – Top of Texas Vacuum & Sewing Machines. Service and repair of sewing machines. Would be open to letting 4-H’ers to learn about repair as well as maintenance of sewing machine. Service machines from Perryton to Clarendon Borger to Shamrock.

Contact: Gary & Denise Parks. (806) 665- 0930

Shamrock - Dion’s of Texas. Wholesale manufacturer of women’s clothing. They design, cut, construct and market at small factory. One of very few in the Panhandle. They sell to retailers through Las Vegas and Kansas City markets. Tours available!

Contact: Mary Dion. (806) 256-2068.

Amarillo – Hancock’s Fabrics (806) 355-8341; Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts (806) 467-8337; John Fountain Tailors (806) 373-4934; Monogram Shop (806) 352-1152.

Other tour/project enrichment ideas:

Your local dry cleaner – learn about the dry cleaning process, their equipment, pressing techniques they use. Ask about alterations a value-added service, is it in house or contracted out?

Local retail stores – what is their system for buying, moving, and displaying merchandise. What makes a quality garment? What is their target market? Do they do alterations? How do they handle customer complaints, damaged clothing, shop lifting?

Do you have a local alterations expert that would be willing to give a demonstration or talk to your club? How did she/he learn this skill, how is it different or like clothing construction from scratch?

Go to the Mall or a local shopping center with window displays. Have 4-H’ers judge the window displays according to elements of design, eye appeal, color scheme used, target audience. Award winning store with a certificate from your club. Talk to the display designer, if possible.