

Creative Arts Rules & Regulations

Contestants are grouped into divisions by age and all entered items are judged against those within their own division. Standard age divisions and their entry fees are as follows. Please note: Age divisions and their entry fees may vary within divisions. Please check rules for specific to each department. All entry fees are per item.

Junior and Intermediate entries (17 and under)

\$3.00 per item **ONLINE ONLY**

\$4.00 per item at in person registration

Adult entries

\$4.00 per item **ONLINE ONLY**

\$5.00 per item at in person registration

Please be advised of the following:

- Pre-fair contests are open to amateurs only. Absolutely no professionals. Items will be disqualified if entered.
- All items must have been made in the last year. Any item that has previously won a ribbon in the NTFR Creative Arts contest may not be re-entered.
- All entries must be appropriate for family viewing.
- All handmade entries must be made by the participant only.
- Entered items that contain edible components are prohibited unless competing in Homed Canned Foods – Division C.
- Only 1 entry per class per exhibitor.
- Judging will take place after entries have been received and accepted.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO EARLY OR LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- It is distinctly understood that in no case shall the North Texas Fair and Rodeo, its directors, officers, or employees be held responsible for any loss, damage, or injury of any character to any person, animal, vehicle, art work, exhibit, or article while participating in the Creative Arts building at the North Texas Fair and Rodeo.

Online Entries: Deadline, August 16, 2026, 11:59pm CST

In Person Entries: August 19, 2026 - **ONLY** during the hours of 1:00pm – 5:30pm

All items must be picked up on August 31, 2026, between 3:00pm – 7:00pm. Any item left after 7:00pm will not be the responsibility of NTFR.

For questions concerning the Creative Arts Department itself, please contact Pattie Pennington (817)269-1844.

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Division A – Needlework

Special Rules:

1. Soiled or unfinished articles will not be accepted.
2. All imported handwork is prohibited.
3. Articles that have been shown in any previous North Texas Fairs cannot be entered.
4. Articles must be handmade unless entered in a machine quilt class.
5. Articles must have been completed this year.
6. Kits are permissible.
7. Articles made by a professional will not be accepted.

Entry Fee:

\$4.00 Adult/\$3.00 Junior per item – **ONLINE ONLY** – Online deadline is August 16, 2026

\$5.00 Adult/\$4.00 Junior per item – **WALK UP** – if entered on August 19, 2026, 1:00pm – 5:30pm

Class # - Class Description

1. Quilt, Applique – hand quilted
2. Quilt, Applique – machine quilted
3. Quilt, Patchwork – hand quilted
4. Quilt, Patchwork – machine quilted
5. Quilt, Combination - hand quilted
6. Quilt, Combination – machine quilted
7. Afghan, crochet
8. Afghan, knit
9. Any type clothing item
10. Baby quilt or Afghan
11. Pillows
12. Fashion accessories (purse, hat, scarf, shawl)
13. Holiday item, any type
14. Needlepoint
15. Crewel embroidery
16. Embroidery picture
17. Kitchen accessories (pot holder, trivets, etc.)
18. Lap spread, any type
19. Counted cross stitch
20. Wall hanging
21. Doily
22. Table runner
23. Open class I
24. Open class II
25. Jr. open class I
26. Jr. open class II

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Division B – Clothing

Special Rules:

1. Articles made by a professional dressmaker will not be accepted.
2. Entries must be clean and completely finished.
3. Articles that have been shown in any previous North Texas Fairs cannot be entered.
4. Articles must be sewn.
5. Articles must have been completed this year.
6. Judged on quality of construction.

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Class # - Class Description

27. Children clothing – any type
28. Pajamas
29. Aprons
30. Blouse
31. Skirt or pants
32. Vest
33. Ladies 1, 2, 3 piece ensemble
34. Long dress
35. Costume
36. Pant or Jumpsuit
37. Table accessory
38. Wall hanging
39. Fashion accessory
40. Open class I
41. Open class II
42. Open class III
43. Jr. open class I
44. Jr. open class II
45. Jr. open class III

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Division C – Home Canned Food

Special Rules:

1. All jars must be filled to the first rim under the lid. Rusty lids/rings will be accepted.
2. No paraffin on preserves, jams, marmalades, butters or jellies.
3. Vegetables and fruits canned in pint jars.
4. Preserves, marmalades, butters, jams and jellies canned in ½ pint jars.
5. **Two like jars of each entry will be needed.** One jar may be emptied for judging and the other will remain on exhibit during fair dates.
6. **All jars must be labeled with item name ONLY** with no personal information or exhibitor name.

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Class # - Class Description

46. Canned, all fruit types
47. Pickled, all fruit types
48. Bread & Butter, all types
49. Dill pickles
50. Canned, all vegetable types
51. Pickled, all vegetable types
52. Relish, all types
53. Picante sauce
54. Sauce, other type
55. Jam, any type I
56. Jam, any type II
57. Jam, any type III
58. Canned fruit butter
59. Preserves, any type I
60. Preserves, any type II
61. Preserves, any type III
62. Marmalade, any type
63. Jelly, any type I
64. Jelly, any type II
65. Jelly, any type III
66. Open class
67. Open class II
68. Open class III
69. Jr. open class I
70. Jr. open class II

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Division D – Antiques

Special Rules:

1. Person(s) with knowledge of antiques will be selected to judge this division and their decisions will be final.
2. Judges will consider the condition and appearance of article.
3. Articles must be at least 50 years old.

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Class # - Class Description

- 71. Tin
- 72. Tools
- 73. China
- 74. Crockery
- 75. Wooden
- 76. Cast Iron
- 77. Glassware
- 78. Cut Glass
- 79. Relics, small
- 80. Irons
- 81. Jewelry
- 82. Cooking Molds
- 83. Advertisements, books
- 84. Dolls
- 85. Family Relics
- 86. Silver Articles
- 87. Open Class I
- 88. Open Class II
- 89. Open Class III

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Division E – Junior Art & Crafts – ages 5-11

Special Rules:

1. Items must be made in the past year.
2. No labels or names can be present on the item.
3. Articles that have been shown in previous North Texas Fairs cannot be entered.
4. Items will be judged on appearance and quality.
5. **Items must be able to fit in a 24” x 24” tabletop area. Outside that measurement will not be accepted.**

**** No photography classes. All photography will need to be entered in the Photography contest.*

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Class # - Class Description

90. Leather
91. Wood
92. Paper sculpture /paper article
93. Oil painting, framed
94. Water color, framed
95. Charcoal, framed
96. Acrylic painted, framed
97. Pencil sketching, matted or framed
98. Articles made of tin
99. Wall plaque, any type
100. Creative article
101. Jewelry, any type
102. Holiday decorations
103. Needlepoint on canvas
104. Trash to treasure
105. Scrapbooking
106. Open class I
107. Open class II
108. Open class III

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Division F – Intermediate Art & Crafts – ages 12-17

Special Rules:

1. Items must be made in the past year.
2. No labels or names can be present on the item.
3. Articles that have been shown in previous North Texas Fairs cannot be entered.
4. Items will be judged on appearance and quality.
5. **Items must be able to fit in a 24” x 24” tabletop area. Outside that measurement will not be accepted.**

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Entry Fee:

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Class # - Class Description

- 109. Leather
- 110. Wood
- 111. Paper sculpture /paper article
- 112. Oil painting, framed
- 113. Water color, framed
- 114. Charcoal, framed
- 115. Acrylic painted, framed
- 116. Pencil sketching, matted or framed
- 117. Articles made of tin
- 118. Wall plaque, any type
- 119. Creative article
- 120. Jewelry, any type
- 121. Holiday decorations
- 122. Needlepoint on canvas
- 123. Trash to treasure
- 124. Scrapbooking
- 125. Open class I
- 126. Open class II
- 127. Open class III

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Division G – Adult Art & Crafts – ages 18 +

Special Rules:

1. Items must be made in the past year.
2. No labels or names can be present on the item.
3. Articles that have been shown in previous North Texas Fairs cannot be entered.
4. Items will be judged on appearance and quality.
5. **Items must be able to fit in a 24” x 24” tabletop area. Outside that measurement will not be accepted.**

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Class # - Class Description

- 128. Leather
- 129. Wood
- 130. Paper sculpture /paper article
- 131. Oil painting, framed
- 132. Water color, framed
- 133. Charcoal, framed
- 134. Acrylic painted, framed
- 135. Pencil sketching, matted or framed
- 136. Articles made of tin
- 137. Wall plaque, any type
- 138. Creative article
- 139. Jewelry, any type
- 140. Holiday decorations
- 141. Needlepoint on canvas
- 142. Trash to treasure
- 143. Scrapbooking
- 144. Open class I
- 145. Open class II
- 146. Open class III

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Division H – No Limits

Special Rules:

1. Items must be made in the past year.
2. No labels or names can be present on the item.
3. Articles that have been shown in previous North Texas Fairs cannot be entered.
4. Items will be judged on appearance and quality.
5. **Items must be able to fit in a 24” x 24” tabletop area. Outside that measurement will not be accepted.**

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Class # - Class Description

- 147. Any type needlework
- 148. Paper sculpture /paper article
- 149. Oil painting
- 150. Water color
- 151. Acrylic painted
- 152. Pencil sketching
- 153. Wall plaque, any type
- 154. Creative article
- 155. Open class I
- 156. Open class II