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Montana Girls' Clothing Club

Its Organization and Requirements

What It is:

When girls become members of a Clothing Club they enter upon a piece of work which includes the construction of a garment by means of hand and machine sewing, the use of patterns, the care and repair of clothing and the study of design, color and materials. A study of these things acquaints a girl with the fine art of dress and this is the purpose of the club, which is organized by the Montana Extension Service and United States Department of Agriculture cooperating.

How To Secure Membership:

Any girl in Montana between the ages of 10 and 18, inclusive, may become a member of the Clothing Club by filling out the attached application blank. Give this blank to the local club leader, who will send it to the county club agent. (In case there is no county club agent, mail application blank to the State Club Leader, Bozeman, Montana)

Club Requirements:

To become a good sewer one needs to start with the principles of sewing and then apply this knowledge when making garments. To learn to do sewing nicely, requires practice and since not all can be learned at one time the work is divided into three clothing club demonstrations.

Club Demonstration One:

1. Make articles required, which are:
 - (a) Hand towel—(made by hand)
 - (b) Tea towel—(made by machine)

- (c) Gift
 - (d) Stockinet darning
 - (e) Bungalow apron or slip-over nightgown.
2. Keep a record of work done.
 3. Give Final Report Blank to local club leader, not later than June 1.

Club Demonstration Two:

1. The following work is required:
 - (a) Take an inventory of your undergarments. Make two which you need most. Choice is to be made from the following garments: Teddy bear, combination suit, chemise, bloomers, knickers, petticoat, princess slip.
 - (b) Gift
 - (c) Mending—woolen darning and hemmed patch.
 - (d) Dress—made of wash material.
2. Keep record of work according to record book.
3. Give Final Report Blank to local club leader, not later than June 1.

Club Demonstration Three:

1. Follow plan as outlined:
 - (a) Plan wardrobe and determine garments needed.
 - (b) Make middy blouse or smock and wool skirt or wool dress.
 - (c) Gift
 - (d) Made over garment—(choice of material left to member to decide. Garment may be made for herself or other member of family.)
 - (e) Mending—(10 hours) to include machine darning.
2. Keep record of work according to record book.
3. Give Final Report Blank to local club leader, not later than June 1.

Club Records and Story:

As soon as the application blank has been received the local club leader will give to the member an instruction bulletin and a record book. In the record book is to be kept the cost of materials and such other information carried on in club program as

will be necessary to make out the Final Report Blank. In the back of the book is a detachable sheet marked, "Final Report Blank," which is a summary of questions on work done during the year and which is to be made out when the work is completed. This is to be given to the local club leader, who will send it to the county club agent.

Program of Club Meetings:

A club meeting should be a real pleasure, where work and fun are combined. Such a meeting would follow a scheme as outlined.

- (1) Business Meeting.
- (2) Instruction on work which is being carried on.
- (3) Demonstrations on some phase of work, by members, leader, or some person who is interested in clothing.
- (4) Social program. Suggestive programs for clothing club meeting may be had by writing the State Club Office, Bozeman, Mont.

Demonstrations:

It is expected that each member will demonstrate a good clothing practice learned as member of the club. Besides this, a special feature should be given to the community by means of a demonstration team. Many subjects can be demonstrated by a team such as "Stockinet Darning," "Testing of Fabrics," "Removal of Stains," "Planning of Costume," "Making Dress Forms," and "Construction of Patterns."

The value of the Achievement Day must not be overlooked as it is a means of getting before the local community the results of club demonstrations.

Responsibilities of Local Club Leader:

A local club leader is as necessary to the operation of a clothing club as a club member and therefore no club should be organized until some interested woman has promised to give her services. A local club leader needs to plan to give time and effort in directing the club activities, and have a knowledge of clothing work.

DETACH HERE

Fill out, write plainly and mail to your County Club Agent

APPLICATION BLANK, MONTANA GIRLS' CLOTHING CLUB

Name Age Date
 County Community

I hereby make application for membership in the Clothing Club of the Montana Boys' and Girls' Clubs. I
 agree to rules outlined.

(Mark (X) after club you wish to join.)

Club Demonstration One Club Demonstration Two Club Demonstration Three

Name of Leader Address

Signature of Parent or Guardian

SEND THIS BLANK TO—

(Extension agent will stamp name and address in this space.)

FOLLOW-UP NOTES—

(To the Extension agent: Use this space for recording information regarding the member's demonstration.)

The Exhibit:

The club exhibit is a display of the accumulated results of the year's work. It is of demonstrational value when artistically arranged. Club members must see that their part is of quality which means careful preparation.

A club member's exhibit means all of the articles or garments made during the club year.

To label, have each article marked as follows:

Name.....

Address.....

Age.....

Itemized Cost of Materials

\$.....

\$.....

\$.....

\$.....

Total.....\$.....

If an outer garment is exhibited, add information describing person who is to wear the garment as:

Type of person: Light hair, blue eyes,
ruddy complexion, tall
and thin.

Scholarships:

A one-year county scholarship will be awarded to the girl doing the best work in the clothing club in each demonstration, providing there are ten members enrolled in the county. When less than ten are enrolled in each demonstration, but ten or more in all the demonstrations, the girl receiving the greatest number of points according to basis of achievement, will be entitled to the scholarship.

Basis of Achievement:

Exhibit, based on suitability to use and appropriateness to wearer.....60%

Cost, depending upon quality of material20%

Achievement Story, telling of principles learned in clothing club.....20%

Total100%