

HOUSTONFEST

Needlework Critique Sheet

Contestant(s): _____

School: _____

Judge's initials: _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO JUDGES

Please read the "Instructions to Judges" sheet in your packet.

RULES

Entry Limit: 2 entries per school (may be an individual or a group project, but if 2 entries are submitted, they must be by 2 different contestants or groups of contestants)

Spending Limit: \$60 maximum (Along with receipts for purchases made specifically for the project, items used from home must also be listed, assigned a monetary value, and included in the \$60 total.)

Only embroidery, needlepoint, cross-stitch, or quilting are allowed. Sewing machines may be used; however, handwork must be prominently featured in the finished product. Entries must be related to a German theme, such as state or national symbols of German-speaking areas, landscapes, folk traditions, fairy tales, proverbs, etc. Needlework should include some brief form of documentation depicting the design process and progress of the work. Documentation should include appropriate citation of sources. Receipts for expenses must also be included in the documentation. Each entry should have a card with the name(s) of the contestant(s), the school, the city, and the category "Needlework" on it.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

1. **Workmanship:** The needlework is well-made, neat, and balanced. Contestant(s) show(s) control of the medium used. Complexity of the design and amount of time and effort required should also be considered. (0-20 points)
2. **Authenticity:** The needlework has a Germanic flavor and relates to the German language and/or a German-speaking country. If it is a replica of a particular image, it is accurately depicted. (0-20 points)
3. **Detail:** The needlework includes details that are interesting and intricate. (0-20 points)
4. **Design and Presentation:** The needlework shows creativity in choice of color schemes, medium, style, etc. The piece is colorful and finished appropriately, e.g., framed, backed, or matted. All required documentation listed above is included. (0-20 points)
5. **Overall Impression:** The needlework evokes the spirit of German-speaking countries and/or culture and is eye-catching. You would want to display this piece of needlework. (0-20 points)

TOTAL POINTS: (100 possible) _____

MORE COMMENTS TO HELP THE CONTESTANTS (Write on the back if necessary.)