

Writing a Script

The evening public revue allows the 4-H'er to present his/her project to an audience. A short narration introduces the 4-H'er to the audience, describes special features of the garment, and highlights any interesting information about the project. The following are guidelines to help 4-H'ers write descriptions of their garments for the evening revue.

Keep the narration to under 100 words.

The objectives of the script are:

- To introduce the member and his/her project
- To focus on skills learned in the project
- To express challenges, fashion trends and cost savings
- To interest the audience in 4-H activities
- To create an appealing mental picture with descriptive words

Before you begin:

1. Analyze the garment. What is special about it? Be sure to include color descriptions!
2. List major features you want to describe.
3. Describe the garment by starting with the obvious, then call the audience's attention to details such as accessories that relate directly to the garment.
4. Use alliteration (words that begin with the same sound, such as "flirty flounce" for a ruffle).
5. Use action words, such as "a belt circles the waistline" or "a flaring hem swings".
6. Tell the biggest problem or challenge you had sewing the outfit. Saying you put in the sleeve six times can encourage younger 4-H'ers to keep trying.
7. If there are two parts of your outfit, mention the outer layer first.
8. Edit. Keep sentences short and avoid tongue twisters. Make it as bright, crisp and informative as possible.
9. Read your script aloud. Practice modeling with the narration.
- 10. Email your script to Ginny Barnard, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, at ginnyb@ksu.edu by Noon on Tuesday, July 18.**

Example #1 of a Script:

Gleaming in her sequined skirt, Kathleen Mitchell is modeling a stylish denim look. It has a light and airy feeling, with a slit in the back. Her biggest challenge was matching the sequins as she cut the fabric. This 11-year old home schooler loves Irish Dancing and sketching her creative fashion ideas. Kathleen is in her second year of sewing with the Pleasantville 4-H Club. She is enjoying every minute of it!

Example #2 of a Script:

Whether it's back to school or off to the mall, Sarah Wilson is sure to be in style in these grey Bermuda shorts and blue scoop-necked tee. The grey and black print sweater adds versatility and will allow Sarah to enjoy this look all year-round. Sarah will be a 6th grader at Sunflower Grade School this fall. Science and lunch are her favorite subjects! Great job Sarah!

Helpful Words for Writing a Script

accent	accessorize	rare	elegant
design	unique	closure	special
festive	one of a kind	appeal	shimmering
coordinate	gleaming	flatter	adds to
embellish	outfit	enhance	stylish
compliment	modeling	fashionable	trendy
challenge	stitch	modern	create
sparkly	highlight	casual	chic
classic	retro	unusual	decorate