



**2012**  
**15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SKILLS MANITOBA COMPETITION**  
**CONTEST SCOPE**

**CONTEST NAME: FASHION TECHNOLOGY**

**CONTEST NO: 31**

**CATEGORY: SECONDARY**

**Minimum number of competitors 4, maximum number of competitors 8**

**DURATION OF CONTEST: 6 HOURS & IN-SCHOOL PATTERN WORK**

**PURPOSE OF CHALLENGE:**

**To access the participant's ability in creative design, pattern making, and sewing construction in the field of Women's Apparel Design (vest).**

---

**SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO BE TESTED:**

The contest will focus on practical work. Theoretical knowledge is limited to what is necessary to carry out the practical work. Candidates will complete a vest and its pattern.

- A vest technical sketch and pattern will be designed by the competitor (fabric swatch & notions available for inspection). The design should be suitable for the target market of a young woman 16-20 years old attending an evening social function and complement a pair of dress pants. (picture available)

**VEST:**

- Vest design will contain a minimum of the following design details: notched collar, zipper closure, pocket
- The vest should not be lengthened more than 25 cm;
- The lapel must be no wider than 10 cm.;
- Use a template, sketch a technical drawing (front and back view) showing all seams, closures, and details such as top stitch, pockets, etc. of the vest;
- The competitor will draft the pattern for the vest using the basic block provided. A working pattern (draft) as well as the final pattern must be submitted. The final pattern will have seam allowances, labels and pattern symbols. This part of the competition will be done at the school level and administered as an exam. The teacher will submit the pattern on the day of the competition.

### **SEWING CONSTRUCTION:**

- Select interfacing and supplies for design from those provided;
- Mark and cut the fabric and interfacing as required for their design;
- Construct the vest using a sewing machine and domestic serger;
- Underpress, finish, and do final press of the garment.

***\*Industry sewing standards for garment construction to be maintained.\****

As part of the evaluation, the following aspects will be evaluated:

- The technical drawing;
- The degree of difficulty and skill level of the pattern drafting and sewing construction of the vest;
- The pattern draft;
- The sewing of the vest;
- The fit and wearability of the vest;
- Appropriateness of vest to the fabric, the top, the occasion and the target market;
- Creativity of design (use of notions and design details);
- The overall vest appearance and conformity of the design according to the technical sketch.

---

### **POINT BREAKDOWN (by 100%) TOTAL:**

Technical Drawing	10%
Pattern Development	30%
Sewing Construction	40%
Creativity of Design	5%
Suitability to Target Market & Fabric	5%
Final Fit and Appearance	<u>10%</u>

**TOTAL** **100%**

### **NATIONAL COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY:**

- A mark of **70% or higher** must be scored by the gold medalist in order to attend the National Skills Competition

### **JUDGING**

In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by:

- a) The highest score in the sewing construction component;
- b) Degree of difficulty in sewing construction.

Judges will be industry representatives.

Contact the technical committee for detailed judging criteria.

### **EQUIPMENT, TOOLS, MATERIALS:**

- Each competitor will provide a domestic serger and a domestic portable machine with a regular sewing foot, a zipper foot and a button hole foot;
- Two competitors will share a semi-industrial iron and domestic ironing board (provided);

- Supplies provided: Please contact Denise Miller for a list of supplies plus fabric swatches, picture of the top and the basic skirt block. This will be available in mid January.
- 

**EQUIPMENT, TOOLS, MATERIALS TO BE SUPPLIED BY COMPETITOR:**

Competitors must provide their own tool kit containing, at a minimum, the following items:

- Sewing construction tools;
  - Pressing tools;
  - Technical drawing tools;
  - Domestic sewing machine (button hole capabilities if required);
  - 3 or 4 thread domestic serger.
- 

**WORKSITE SAFETY RULES/REQUIREMENTS:**

Competitors must comply with security and safety regulations at each workstation. Competitors must wear closed toed shoes, no high heels over 2" and no slip-on shoes. Long hair must be tied back. Dangling jewelry and long flowing sleeves are not permitted.

---

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Competitors cannot bring books, written notes, diagrams or directions into the Competition. No paper, scrap fabric, or embellishing materials may be brought on site. Skirt block, pattern paper, and fabric swatch is available from the technical committee. Competitors will have an opportunity to showcase their design in the MMCI Fashion Show on May 3, 2012. Competitors will be asked to sew the bottoms for the fashion show.

---

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Fashion Technology  
Murdoch MacKay Collegiate  
Ph. 958-6460 ext. 2712  
Attention: Denise Miller  
[dmiller3@retsd.mb.ca](mailto:dmiller3@retsd.mb.ca)