

TEXAS STATE GERMAN CONTEST

**Needlework
Critique Sheet**

Contestant(s): _____

School: _____

Judges' Names: _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO JUDGES: Please make sure you have read the "Instructions to Judges" sheet in your packet.**RULES**

Entry Limit: Two entries per school: may be an individual or a group project - entries must be submitted by 2 separate contestants or groups of contestants

Spending Limit: \$45.00 max. (Items used from home must be accounted for, given a monetary value, and included with receipts.)

Only embroidery, needlepoint, cross-stitch, or quilting are allowed. Sewing machines may be used; however handwork must be prominently featured in the finished product. Everything 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.)**