



## **WRITING A 4-H FASHION SHOW NARRATION**

The following are guidelines for writing an imaginative and informative 4-H fashion show narration. A fashion show narration helps both the model and the audience. It cues the model when to appear on stage, what fashion details to highlight and when to leave the stage. The narration tells the audience the 4-H'ers name, information about the garment, special features of the garment and other information that can help the audience identify with the model or garment.

**Please keep the narration brief. A script of 30 seconds is great for most outfits.** One word of caution – the commentaries should not be longer than the length of time the model is on stage.

In preparing the narration, **write light and lively descriptions that are highly informative.** Active words such as “stepping out ...”, “in the spotlight is ...”, and “ready for...” help keep the interest high.

**Point out one or two highlights** such as “detailed top stitching” or “combination of textures”, and leave the rest to the eyes. An audience can easily see that the model is wearing a navy dress with navy shoes and navy bracelet. One can tell the accessory story by using phrases like, “...worn with matching accessories” or “... a mono-chromatic look.”

**Use descriptive and exciting coloring terms** ... they vary from season to season, but blueberry, midnight, raspberry, wineberry, nutmeg, and cinnamon are lively terms for blue, black, red, wine, gold and brown.

### What to put in the Commentary (\*optional)

1. Lead sentence should introduce the model by name, town or 4-H club, and describe the outfit in general.
2. A brief outfit description. Analyze the garment. Give the details of the garment following a logical sequence such as the top of the garment to the bottom, front to back, outside to inside.
3. One new learning experience while selecting, constructing, or modeling the outfit
4. \*Accessories selected.
5. \*Original ideas the model has used, techniques, trim, etc.
6. \*How the garment reflects the current fashion scene.
7. \*Amount of money saved or why he/she decided to make this outfit or buy it.
8. \*Special advantages or features of this particular garment such as where it will be worn, versatility, and ease of care.
9. \*The 4-H background and special interests of the model.
10. \*School and grade this fall.
11. \*Awards won (school and 4-H).
12. \*Other 4-H projects the 4-H'er enjoys.
13. Closing sentence.





## 4-H FASHION SHOW NARRATION EXAMPLES

### Example 1:

Picnic baskets and straw-brimmed hats come to mind upon seeing Dunbar's Lisa Smith in this confectionary colored delight. Lisa's loose fitting dress of polyester and cotton features top stitching, a new skill learned for Lisa. An elasticized waistline is hidden by a self-belt that buttons in the back, which completes the "cake and frosting" appearance of this lovely outfit. Lisa is a member of the Lucky Clovers 4-H Club.

### Example 2:

Dan White wears this grey European-cut, double-breasted suit he made from 100% wool. Dan sewed with wool for the first time this year and learned how to press the seams. The fuller-cut, athletic fit is perfect for this high school junior, who will be a starter on the Palmyra football team this fall.

### Example 3:

When Jennifer Snow goes to garage sales and auctions, she likes to collect handkerchiefs and old linens. For less than \$10, she gather enough 1930's and 1940's hankies to piece the fabric for this vest. Jennifer fused the handkerchiefs to the muslin vest pieces and then stitched along the edges to hold them permanently in place. Finally she assembled the vest. Isn't Jennifer's vintage vest a great heirloom treasure?

### Example 4:

When the cold wind blows, Eric Jones will be warm and snug in these cozy clothes. The red sweatshirt and sweatpants are made of cotton. Eric enjoyed working for the first time with the heavier and thicker fabric. This will make a great outfit for those cool Nebraska football games!

### Example 5:

"Plum-crazy!" might describe the reaction of Maria Gonzales's friends to her picture perfect pullover, poly-cotton print dress. Side skirt pockets, a ruffled bodice and full, banded, elbow-length sleeves accent this 4-H's creation. Maria of Talmage created balance in her outfit with a self-styled wrap belt for that "just right" finishing touch.

### Example 6:

Short and sweet - that's the cool summery look of Otoe County's Wendy Moore. Wendy chose khaki sports-cloth for these elasticized shorts. The red-orange jungle print top looks cute and cool with its open neck and cap sleeves. Keeping things cool. . . that is what Wendy is all about!

## Potential Fashion Show Garment Terms and Color Descriptors

### COLLARS/ BODICE

Boatneck  
Button down  
Cropped  
Jewel neckline  
Pleated  
Princess lines  
Stand up

### POCKETS

In-seam  
Patch  
Concealed  
Welt

### TROUSERS

Ankle cropped  
Bell bottom  
Capri  
Hip-pleated  
Military

### SKIRTS

A-line  
Asymmetrical  
Body skimming  
Elegantly edged  
Full  
Gathered  
Gracefully flared  
Handkerchief hem  
Knee-skimming  
Pencil  
Split

### SLEEVES

Cap  
Dolman  
Gathered  
Kimono  
Pleated  
Raglan  
Ruffled  
Set in  
Three quarter

### WAIST

Contoured  
Draw-string  
Dropped waist  
Elastic  
Empire/High  
Gathered

### ACTION PHRASES

Stepping into spring  
Dancing into  
summer  
Diving into summer  
Jumping into  
summer

Warming up for  
winter  
Calling for  
Looking for  
Searching for  
Going natural  
Stepping out  
Stepping up  
Teamed with  
Traveling through  
Walking away

### ACTION

### VERBS

Act  
Add  
Avoid  
Bank  
Beat  
Borrow  
Brand  
Build  
Buy  
Carry  
Catalog  
Classify  
Combine  
Compare  
Complete  
Compute  
Construct  
Color  
Cool  
Create  
Craft  
Dance  
Define  
Depart  
Disarm  
Discover  
Dive  
Divide  
Dress  
Enrich  
Enhance  
Exaggerate  
Explore  
Explode  
Factor  
Fence  
Fiddle  
Fish  
Flash  
Flow  
Fly  
Fold  
Fraction  
Give  
Glide  
Glitter  
Glow  
Goes  
Handle

Hide  
Hold  
Indicate  
Initiate  
Inspire  
Job  
Jump  
Keep  
Know  
Leave  
Look  
Love  
Match  
Mix  
Models  
Maximize  
Move  
Multiply  
Offer  
Outline  
Overstate  
Pad  
Paddle  
Play  
Provide  
Pull  
Push  
Put together  
Read  
Romance  
Run  
Sell  
Separate  
Sews  
Shine  
Slide  
Shimmer  
Slow  
Spark  
Speed  
State  
Steal  
Step  
Stop  
Stress  
Sum  
Swim  
Take  
Team  
Wears

### ADJECTIVES

Active  
Bold  
Boxy  
Breezy  
Brief  
Bright  
Brilliant  
Casual  
Chic  
Classic  
Classy

Comfortable  
Contoured  
Cosmopolitan  
Country  
Creative  
Deep  
Definite  
Detailed  
Earthy  
Embellished  
Fall  
Fancy  
Fashionable  
Fast  
Fine  
Flippy  
Floppy  
Fully  
Fun  
Gentle  
Glitz  
Graceful  
Harvest  
Heather  
Heavy  
High  
Hushed  
Innocent  
Inventive  
Jewel  
Light  
Luxurious  
Medium  
Mere  
Mild  
Military  
Misty  
Natural  
Novel  
Nice  
Obvious  
Ornamental  
Over  
Outrageous  
Pale  
Pearlized  
Pagoda  
Prestigious  
Primary

### ADJECTIVES

Proud  
Pure  
Refined  
Regal  
Relaxed  
Retro  
Rich  
Romantic  
Royal  
Ruffled  
Rugged  
Seasonless

Serene  
Silky  
Simple  
Smashing  
Smoky  
Soft  
Solid  
Special  
Spicy  
Spirited  
Splendid  
Spring  
Sportive  
Sporty  
Stimulating  
Straight  
Streamlined  
Suited  
Summer  
Superb  
Tender  
Terrific  
Town  
Trendy  
Under  
Unmistakable  
Vested  
Victorian  
Vintage  
Vivid  
Wild  
Winter  
Wonderful

### GENERAL DESCRIPTORS

Accent  
Accessorize  
Adds to  
Appeal  
Asymmetrical  
Back to nature  
Big, bold, & bright  
Bling  
Bright & breezy  
Bright & swingy  
Bright woven  
accents  
Casual  
Challenge  
Chic  
Classic  
Closure  
Combo to inspire  
Compliment  
Construct  
Coordinate  
Country clothes  
Country pattern  
Creative  
Dancing dream  
Day to night  
Daybreak fresh

## Potential Fashion Show Garment Terms and Color Descriptor - Continued

Decorate	Touch of	<b>COLORS &amp;</b>	Tan	Coral
Design	sophistication	<b>COLOR PHRASES</b>	Tropical tan	Cotton candy pink
Dressed up to go	Trendy	<b>Blues</b>	Walnut	Country rose
Effortless grace	Unique	Aqua		Cranberry
Elegant	Unmistakably	Aquamarine	<b>Greens</b>	Crimson
Embellish	feminine	Azure	Acid	Fire engine
Enchant	Unusual	Baby	Apple	Fuschia
Enduring look	Upbeat spirit	Blueberry	Army	Garnet
Enhance	Varsity victory	Cobalt	Avocado	Geranium
Fashion	Warm & natural	Enamel	Blue-green	Magenta
components		Indigo	Cactus	Oxblood
Fashion package	<b>PATTERNS &amp;</b>	Lapis	Celery	Paisley pink
Fashionable	<b>FABRICS</b>	Navy	Curry	Pink
Fast moving colors	Abstract	Peacock	Emerald	Plum
Festive	Batiste	Persian	Forest	Raspberry
Flatter	Braided	Royal	Grass	Rocket red
Flounce	Brocade	Teal	Jade	Rose
Gleaming	Buffalo checks	Turquoise	Jasper	Ruby
Gracefully flared	Chambray	Sky	Kelly	Shocking pink
High flying style	Checks	Wedgwood	Lime	Strawberry
Highlight	Chiffon		Lowden	Tea rose
Jazz age	Color-blocked	<b>Black/Gray</b>	Malachite	Watermelon
Jazz up everything	Country garden	Anthracite	Mint	Wine
Jewels of fashion	Crocheted	Basic	Moss	
Legacy of elegance	Denim	Charcoal	Olive	<b>White</b>
Light as silk	Embroidered	Coal	Pea-green	Alabaster
Lighthearted outlook	Fleece	Coffee	Sea-green	Almond
Masterpiece of detail	Floral	Dusty	Sage	Antique
Modeling	Gauze	Gunmetal	Shamrock	Bleached
Modern	Georgette	Jet	Spruce	Bright
Modern romantic	Herringbone	Matte	Tealeaf	Cotton
One of a kind	Knitted	Midnight	Wintergreen	Frosted
Outfit	Lacy	Misty gray	Yellow-green	Ivory
Pastel	Paisley	Pewter		Lily
Polished	Plaid	Raindrop silver	<b>Orange</b>	Milk/Milky
Preppy	Polka dot	Silver	Apricot	Pearl
Pulled together look	Printed	Slate	Burnt	Snowflake
Rare	Silky	Taupe	Carrot	Snow
Reflection of good	Striped		Flame	Vanilla
taste	Stylized	<b>Browns</b>	Peach	
Rough & ready	Tapestry	Allspice	Pumpkin	<b>Yellow</b>
combo		Auburn	Rust	Amber
Sassy	<b>COLOR</b>	Autumn	Tangerine	Bronze
School girl look	<b>DESCRIPTIONS</b>	Bay		Brass
Sense of rhythm	Chromatic	Bark	<b>Purple</b>	Buttercup
Set for action	Color sliced	Beige	Amethyst	Camel
Shades that conquer	Color spliced	Camel	Blackberry	Cream
Shimmering	Cool	Caramel	Eggplant	Crocus
Silhouette of	Crayon bright	Chestnut	Grape	Dandelion
Simple &	Crisp	Chocolate	Iris	Gold
straightforward	Deep	Cinnamon	Lavender	Honey
Slimmest of slim	Dynamite color	Copper	Lilac	Lemon
Smashing look	Fresh	Ecru	Mauve	Mustard
Soft, natural, &	Jewel tone	Ginger	Orchid	Saffron
luxurious	Light	Khaki	Plum	Spun-gold
Spanning the	Lively	Mahogany	Plum wine	Sunshine
seasons	Pastels	Mocha	Prune	Tiger-eye gold
Sparkly	Plaid	Nut	Violet	Topaz
Special	Preppy colors	Nutmeg		
Spice of the season	Stimulating	Pecan	<b>Reds/Pinks</b>	
Stitched	Striped	Pumpkin	Brick	
Stunningly bold	Stripes	Rust	Burgundy	
Stylish	Subdued pastels	Sand	Cherry	
Timeless quality	Warm	Spice brown	Cherry blossom	
			Claret	