**Smocking - Artisan Level (SMK II) Evaluation Form**

**PLEATED SAMPLES**

1 - Silk

1. Fabric is not cut on grain  
2. There are folds, bubbles, or split pleats.  
3. Pleating threads do not parallel the crosswise grain.  
4. Pleats do not parallel the lengthwise grain.  
5. Pleating is not centered vertically.  
6. Pleats do not appear to be uniform depth.  
7. Fabric is damaged by needles or machine.  
8. Specified material was not used.  
9. Pleating threads are not clearly visible.  
10. Pleating guide marks remain.  
11. Sample is not required size.  
12. If hand pleated, pleats are deeper than 1/8".

Possible Score 12  
Passing Score 11  
Applicant’s Score 12 - ___ = ___

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2 - Wool

1. Fabric is not cut on grain  
2. There are folds, bubbles, or split pleats.  
3. Pleating threads do not parallel the crosswise grain.  
4. Pleats do not parallel the lengthwise grain.  
5. Pleating is not centered vertically.  
6. Pleats do not appear to be uniform depth.  
7. Fabric is damaged by needles or machine.  
8. Specified material was not used.  
9. Pleating threads are not clearly visible.  
10. Pleating guide marks remain.  
11. Sample is not required size.  
12. If hand pleated, pleats are deeper than 1/8".

Possible Score 12  
Passing Score 11  
Applicant’s Score 12 - ___ = ___

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3 - Corduroy

1. Fabric is not cut on grain
2. There are folds, bubbles, or split pleats.
3. Pleating threads do not parallel the crosswise grain.
4. Pleats do not parallel the lengthwise grain.
5. Pleating is not centered vertically.
6. Pleats do not appear to be uniform depth.
7. Fabric is damaged by needles or machine.
8. Specified material was not used.
9. Pleating threads are not clearly visible.
10. Pleating guide marks remain.
11. Sample is not required size.
12. If hand pleated, pleats are deeper than 1/8".

Possible Score 12  Passing Score 11  Applicant’s Score 12 - ___ = ___

GENERAL – SAMPLER AND PROJECTS

1. Level I stitches used on sampler and projects do not meet standards.
2. Stray marks remain on sampler or projects.

Possible Score 2  Passing Score 2  Applicant’s Score 2 - ___ = ___

SMOCKING SAMPLER -
ORIGINAL DESIGN SUBMITTED WITH GRAPH AND WRITTEN DIRECTIONS

1 - Presentation

1. Fabric is not cut on grain.
2. Suitable stranded fiber is not used.
3. Design is not centered on the fabric.
4. Selvages are removed.
5. Side edges are finished.
6. Top and bottom edges are finished.
7. Pleating threads are removed.
8. Design is less than 12 rows.

Possible Score 8  Passing Score 8  Applicant’s Score 8 - ___ = ___
2 - Directions
1. Graph does not accurately represent the design.  
2. Written directions do not accurately represent the design.

Possible Score 2  
Passing Score 2  
Applicant’s Score 2 - ____ = ____

SMOKING STITCHES
1 - Bars
1. Stitch does not start and stop as required.  
2. Stitch pattern is not accurate.  
3. Like shapes are not uniform in size  
4. There is a visible break on the right side where threads have been stopped and started.  
5. Pleating threads are caught in the stitches.  
6. Stitches catch other than the appropriate pleats.  
7. Starting and ending knots are not small, neat, and secure.  
8. Starting and ending knots are visible on front of work.  
9. Stitch tension is not uniform.  
10. Stitch depth is not consistent.  
11. Threads are not laid smoothly.  
12. Horizontal stitch position is not consistent.  
13. Adjacent points do not meet precisely.

Possible Score 13  
Passing Score 11  
Applicant’s Score 13 - ____ = ____

2 - Spools
1. Stitch does not start and stop as required.  
2. Stitch pattern is not accurate.  
3. Like shapes are not uniform in size  
4. There is a visible break on the right side where threads have been stopped and started.  
5. Pleating threads are caught in the stitches.  
6. Stitches catch other than the appropriate pleats.  
7. Starting and ending knots are not small, neat, and secure.  
8. Starting and ending knots are visible on front of work.  
9. Stitch tension is not uniform.  
10. Stitch depth is not consistent.  
11. Threads are not laid smoothly  
12. Horizontal stitch position is not consistent.  
13. Adjacent points do not meet precisely.

Possible Score 13  
Passing Score 11  
Applicant’s Score 13 - ____ = ____
3 - Bullions

1. Stitch does not start and stop as required.  
2. Stitch pattern is not accurate.  
3. Like shapes are not uniform in size  
4. Pleating threads are caught in the stitches.  
5. Stitches catch other than the appropriate pleats.  
6. Starting and ending knots are not small, neat, and secure.  
7. Starting and ending knots are visible on front of work.  
8. Stitch tension is not uniform.  
9. Stitch depth is not consistent.  
10. Threads are not laid smoothly  

Possible Score 10 Passings Score 9 Applicant’s Score 10 - ____ = ____

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4 - Van Dyke

1. Stitch does not start and stop as required.  
2. Stitch pattern is not accurate.  
3. Like shapes are not uniform in size  
4. There is a visible break on the right side where threads have been stopped and started.  
5. Pleating threads are caught in the stitches.  
6. Stitches catch other than the appropriate pleats.  
7. Starting and ending knots are not small, neat, and secure.  
8. Starting and ending knots are visible on front of work.  
9. Stitch tension is not uniform.  
10. Stitch depth is not consistent.  
11. Threads are not laid smoothly  
12. Horizontal stitch position is not consistent.  
13. Like zigzag lines are not uniform in height.  
14. Adjacent points do not meet exactly.  

Possible Score 14 Passings Score 12 Applicant’s Score 14 - ____ = ____

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5 - Surface Honeycomb
1. Stitch does not start and stop as required. ______
2. Stitch pattern is not accurate. ______
3. Like shapes are not uniform in size ______
4. There is a visible break on the right side where threads have been stopped and started. ______
5. Pleating threads are caught in the stitches. ______
6. Stitches catch other than the appropriate pleats. ______
7. Starting and ending knots are not small, neat, and secure. ______
8. Starting and ending knots are visible on front of work. ______
9. Stitch tension is not uniform. ______
10. Stitch depth is not consistent. ______
11. Threads are not laid smoothly ______
12. Horizontal stitch position is not consistent. ______
13. Like zigzag lines are not uniform height. ______
14. Adjacent points do not meet precisely. ______

Possible Score 14   Passing Score 12   Applicant’s Score 14 - _____ = _____

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7 - Feather

1. Stitch does not start and stop as required.
2. Stitch pattern is not accurate.
3. Like shapes are not uniform in size
4. There is a visible break on the right side where threads have been stopped and started.
5. Pleating threads are caught in the stitches.
6. Stitches catch other than the appropriate pleats.
7. Starting and ending knots are not small, neat, and secure.
8. Starting and ending knots are visible on front of work.
9. Stitch tension is not uniform.
10. Stitch depth is not consistent.
11. Threads are not laid smoothly
12. Stitch does not have open appearance.
13. Horizontal stitch position is not consistent.

Possible Score 13  Passing Score 11  Applicant’s Score 13 - ____ = ____

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8 - Herringbone

1. Stitch does not start and stop as required.
2. Stitch pattern is not accurate.
3. Like shapes are not uniform in size
4. There is a visible break on the right side where threads have been stopped and started.
5. Pleating threads are caught in the stitches.
6. Stitches catch other than the appropriate pleats.
7. Starting and ending knots are not small, neat, and secure.
8. Starting and ending knots are visible on front of work.
9. Stitch tension is not uniform.
10. Stitch depth is not consistent.
11. Threads are not laid smoothly
12. Horizontal stitch position is not consistent.
13. Like zigzag lines are not uniform height.

Possible Score 13  Passing Score 11  Applicant’s Score 13 - ____ = ____

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9 - Chain Stitch
1. Stitch does not start and stop as required.
2. Stitch pattern is not accurate.
3. Like shapes are not uniform in size
4. There is a visible break on the right side where threads have been stopped and started.
5. Pleating threads are caught in the stitches.
6. Stitches catch other than the appropriate pleats.
7. Starting and ending knots are not small, neat, and secure.
8. Starting and ending knots are visible on front of work.
9. Stitch tension is not uniform.
10. Stitch depth is not consistent.
11. Threads are not laid smoothly
12. Stitch does not have an open appearance.
13. Horizontal stitch position is not consistent.

Possible Score 13   Passing Score 11   Applicant’s Score 13 - ____ = ____

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10 - Stacked Cables
1. Stitch does not start and stop as required.
2. Stitch pattern is not accurate.
3. Like shapes are not uniform in size
4. There is a visible break on the right side where threads have been stopped and started.
5. Pleating threads are caught in the stitches.
6. Stitches catch other than the appropriate pleats.
7. Starting and ending knots are not small, neat, and secure.
8. Starting and ending knots are visible on front of work.
9. Stitch tension is not uniform.
10. Stitch depth is not consistent.
11. Threads are not laid smoothly
12. Horizontal stitch position is not consistent.
13. Adjacent points do not meet precisely.
14. There are not two identical figures.
15. Figures do not use a minimum of three colors.
16. Backsmocking threads are visible on front of work.

Possible Score 16   Passing Score 14   Applicant’s Score 16 - ____ = ____

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CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

1 – Yoke Joined to Smocking with Piping
   1. Lengths of yoke and skirt are not appropriate in relation to each other. ___
   2. Width of skirt is not appropriate to width of yoke. ___
   3. Fullness is not evenly distributed. ___
   4. Seam puckers. ___
   5. Seam allowance is not evenly trimmed. ___
   6. Pleating threads are not removed. ___
   7. Seam is not equidistant from smocking. ___
   8. Design is not centered on garment. ___
   9. Pleats are distorted at seam line. ___
  10. Piping is not even. ___

Possible Score 10  Passing Score 9  Applicant’s Score 10 - ____ = ____

2 - French Seams
   1. Seams are not uniform width. ___
   2. Seams width exceeds 3/16” (fine fabric) or ¼” (mid-weight fabric). ___
   3. Stitch length is not uniform. ___
   4. Stitch tension is uneven. ___
   5. Seams are frayed. ___
   6. Seams are twisted or bulky. ___

Possible Score 6  Passing Score 5  Applicant’s Score 6 - ____ = ____

3 – Set-in Gathered Sleeve
   1. Underarm seams are not stitched separately so that sleeve can be set in. (Automatic No Pass) ___
   2. Gathers are not evenly distributed above the midpoint of front and back armhole opening. ___
   3. Underarm area of sleeve is not smooth. ___
   4. Underarm area of front and back bodice is not smooth below yoke. ___
   5. Gathers are distorted. ___
   6. Seam is not appropriately finished inside. ___
   7. Sleeve edge finish is not executed correctly. ___

Possible Score 7  Passing Score 6  Applicant’s Score 7 - ____ = ____

OR
3 – Set-in Eased Sleeve

1. Underarm seams are not stitched separately so that sleeve can be set in. (Automatic No Pass) ___
2. Ease is not evenly distributed. ___
3. Fabric of sleeve is not smooth at seam. ___
4. Fabric of garment is not smooth at seam. ___
5. Seam is not finished appropriately inside. ___
6. Hem is not even. ___
7. Hem stitching is conspicuous. ___

Possible Score 7   Passing Score 6   Applicant’s Score 7 - ____ = ____


4 - Peter Pan Collar with Bias Piping

1. Collar shape is not symmetrical. ___
2. Collar is not centered at front. ___
3. Collar is not centered at back. ___
4. Edge of collar does not lay against garment. ___
5. Collar is not smooth at neckline seam. ___
6. Seams are bulky, not trimmed. ___
7. Collar edge finish is not neat or correctly executed. ___

Possible Score 7   Passing Score 6   Applicant’s Score 7 - ____ = ____


5 - Corded Bias Piping

1. Piping is bulky. ___
2. Piping is rippled. ___
3. Width of piping is uneven. ___
4. Width of piping is inappropriate for design or size of garment. ___
5. Stitches are conspicuous. ___
6. Piping is not made on the bias. ___

Possible Score 6   Passing Score 5   Applicant’s Score 6 - ____ = ____


6 - Bias Binding
1. Binding is bulky.  
2. Binding is rippled.   
3. Binding is an uneven width.  
4. Binding is more than ¼" wide.  
5. Binding is not attached evenly.  
6. Attachment of binding is conspicuous.  
7. Binding is not a consistent distance from first row of smocking (on bishop).  
8. Binding does not meet evenly at dress opening (on bishop).  
9. Binding ends are not neatly finished (on bishop).  

Possible Score 9  Passing Score 8  Applicant’s Score 9 - ____ = ____

7 - Continuous Bound Placket
1. Placket is not smooth.   
2. Placket is not a consistent width.  
3. Center backs of garment are not in alignment.  
4. Placket is not aligned with grain of opening.  
5. Bottom of placket does not lay flat.  
6. Lap and bias neck finish do not join smoothly (on bishop).  

Possible Score 6  Passing Score 5  Applicant’s Score 6 - ____ = ____

8 – Buttons
1. Knots are visible below buttons.  
2. Flat button is not sewn with thread shank.  
3. Buttons are not appropriately aligned.  
4. Buttons are not evenly spaced.  
5. Buttons are not appropriate for size of garment.  

Possible Score 5  Passing Score 4  Applicant’s Score 5 - ____ = ____

Buttonholes
1. Buttonholes are not properly aligned.  
2. Buttonholes are not evenly spaced. 
3. Buttonhole opening is not correct size for button.  
4. Buttonhole stitching is not even.  
5. Buttonhole stitching is cut.  
6. Buttonhole opening is fraying.  
7. Fabric is distorted when garment is buttoned.  

Possible Score 7  Passing Score 6  Applicant’s Score 7 - ____ = ____


Loops
1. Loops are not appropriate size for buttons used. ____
2. Loops are not anchored securely to fabric. ____
3. Loops are twisted. ____
4. Loop does not maintain an open shape. ____
5. Stitch tension is too tight, too loose, or inconsistent. ____
6. Loops are not evenly spaced (if more than one is used) ____

Possible Score 6  Passing Score 5  Applicant’s Score 6 - ____ = ____

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9 - Hand Stitched Hem
1. Hem depth is not consistent. ____
2. Depth of hem is not appropriate to the garment design. ____
3. Hem is not secure. ____
4. Stitch length is not consistent. ____
5. Stitching is conspicuous on either side. ____
6. Stitch tension is not consistent. ____
7. Hem is not eased to garment. ____
8. Side seam does not match at top of hem. ____
9. Hem is not hand stitched. ____

Possible Score 9  Passing Score 8  Applicant’s Score 9 - ____ = ____

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10 - Manipulate Smocking into a Shape
1. Fullness is not evenly distributed. ____
2. Seam allowances distort smocking. ____
3. Tension of smocking distorts the shape of garment. ____
4. Smocking does not have continuity at placket. ____
5. Smocking distorts back closing. ____

Possible Score 5  Passing Score 4  Applicant’s Score 5 - ____ = ____

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