

Fashion Revue - Commentary Guide

You may model 2 categories at county level and 2 at state. Here is a little help with writing commentaries. Write in 3rd person, someone is reading about you, "Here comes Jane Doe wearing her____." Hint, avoid using words my or I. Commentaries should be between 60 and no more than 150 words. Include your name. You can also include your age, school, years in 4-H or project, where you plan to wear the garment, special interest or hobby of yours.

1. Analyze garment. What is special about it? Be sure to include color descriptions.
2. List major features you want to describe, along with a few comments that relate to the garment and how it will be worn. Create an appealing mental picture with descriptive words.
3. Check your pattern envelope or directions for features or descriptions.
4. Describe the garment by starting with the obvious, then call the attention to details such as accessories that relate to the garment.
5. Use alliteration (words beginning with the same sound, i.e.: flirty flounce for ruffle).
6. Use action words. (The belt circles the waistline, a flaring hem swings.)
7. If there are two parts to your outfit, such as a coat and dress, describe the outer layer first.
8. Tell the biggest problem you encountered in sewing the outfit or what new sewing technique you learned.
9. Keep sentences short and avoid tongue twisters. Make it as bright, crisp, and informative as possible.

Helpful words and phrases for commentary writing:

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| accent | classy | enchanting | exciting | hot new look | jump for joy | jeweled |
| accessorize | chic | ensemble | fashionable | highlights | fabulous | stylish |
| adds to | contemporary | eye appeal | fun-loving | lovely | shimmering | subtle |
| appealing | compliments | feminine | gleaming | marvelous | simplicity | supercharged |
| artistic | creative | festive | graceful | original | smashing | swingy |
| authentic | daring | flounce | innocent | pastel | snappy | tangy |
| breath-taking | dashing | flourish | intricate | peppy | snazzy | trendy |
| bright | decorative | fragile | jaunty | plush | sparkling | unique |
| carefree | delicate | full-skirted | kicky | Practical | spirited | unusual |
| charming | delightful | sensational | luxurious | Quiet | sporty | versatile |
| classic | design | looking | modern | Rare | striking | very whimsical |
| crisp | dramatic | sheer, light look | modern | Rare | striking | very whimsical |
| appealing softness | elegant | sleek styling | zip into fashion | | stunning | zesty |
| best-looking | embellish enhance | sporting | warming up the weather | | good looks plus easy care | |
| big news in color | dazzling | stylish | beautifully blended | | one of the snappiest looks around | |
| | sophisticated | sportswear | | | | |

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| charming mix | just for fun | super-looking | stylish sportswear | arm in arm with fashion |
| flattering | natural | dress-up look | light layered | ready or not...here comes |
| earthy | new tradition | perky | one-of-a-kind | fresh,contemporary |
| elegance | natural look | sleek styling | sporting | intriguing |
| feminine & soft | play it sporty | tucked and tied | sensational | super looking |
| gently flared | pull it all together | vivid hues | perfect combination | evening dazzle |
| graceful | rarin' to go | young & spirited | coordinates | elegant daytime version |
| contrast | ruffled & ready | young at heart zesty and bright | takes on added excitement | exquisitely delicate |
| boasts | bold | down to earth | dreamy | perfect balance between fashion & function |