

Abstract

The goal of this Fashion Construction Skills Manual is to provide an electronic how-to reference for students to use when they are constructing a garment for the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) STAR Event, Fashion Construction. The manual grew out of a need expressed by a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher whose students participate in this Event. The manual creator has 10 years sewing experience and developed the manual with the help of a professional seamstress and a professor in Family and Consumer Sciences Education. The electronic manual uses PowerPoint and incorporates embedded YouTube video links and references from the *Simplicity's Simply the Best Sewing Book*. It addresses the 17 possible skill requirements specified in the Fashion Construction Event guidelines, from which students are to select eight skills to include in their garment. Many of the 17 skills include several sub-skills or variations, 50 sub-skills in all. For example, the zipper skill is subdivided into hidden zipper, centered zipper, and lapped zipper. For each of the 50 sub-skills, the manual includes a PowerPoint slide that provides a link to a selected YouTube video and page number reference from the *Simplicity* sewing book. Multiple videos were reviewed and the most clear, well-designed video chosen for each sub-skill. The PowerPoint has been designed with jump capability linking from the table of contents to the specific sub-skill slide. The manual can be used with a whole class or by individual students.

Instructions:

1. This manual is designed to be used as a PowerPoint Presentation.
2. Start the manual from the beginning and tap the spacebar to advance to the table of contents.
3. Once at the table of contents select any of the skill linked page by moving the mouse to the desired skill and clicking.
4. This will direct you to the page, and from there select the YouTube video you or your students wish to view by clicking on the link.
5. When you want to return to the skills page move the mouse to the bottom right corner and select the table of contents box, this will bring you back to the table of contents page. You may start the process again from there.