

## Fibers Used to Make Cloth and Other Fabric Items

Jason's 4-H club is learning about what fabric is made from. His leader has asked them to bring 4 pieces of clothing or other fabric items made from natural fibers to their next meeting. Choose the best things for Jason to bring. Rank the choices from best to worst.

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| 1. Wool jacket<br>Silk scarf<br>Cotton T-shirt<br>Linen skirt                      | 3. Wool sweater<br>Silk blouse<br>Cotton boxer shorts<br>Nylon-spandex swimsuit          |
| 2. Rayon dress<br>Acrylic sweater<br>Acetate Halloween costume<br>Polyester blouse | 4. Wool scarf<br>Silk necktie<br>Cotton pillowcase<br>Linen table napkin<br>Rayon blouse |

Rank: 1 4 3 2

Cuts: 1 3 1 1

(Hormel scores, for online score calculations see:

<http://www.worldaccessnet.com/%7Enormans/hormel.html>)

**References:** Washington State 4-H Clothing and Textiles Leader's Guide, *Clothing Capers* (for ages 9-11), Lesson 3, CUTTING EDGE

### Reasons:

1. This is the best selection of things for Jason to bring. His leader asked him to bring 4 items. He has chosen four items made from 4 common natural fibers, silk, wool, cotton, and linen.
4. This is the next best selection of items for Jason. Jason made the mistake of bringing 5 items and one is not made from a natural fiber. Rayon is considered a manufactured fiber made from wood pulp.
3. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> best choice. Jason brings 4 items but only three are made from natural fibers. The swimsuit is made from nylon-spandex, which is a manufactured fiber.
2. This is the worst choice. Jason brings four items but they are all made from manufactured fibers.