

Advice: Handicrafts Section, Autumn 2022

- Exhibitors should check that their entries comply with all the requirements mentioned in the schedule.
- Handicraft items must not have been exhibited at a BGS Show before.

Class specific advice:

➤ **Class 24. Artwork exhibit**

Painting, drawing or any other two-dimensional medium.

Modest mount and/ or frame permitted.

Not to exceed 42cm x 30cm.

- For mounted and/ or framed works, the size specified is for the visible picture.
- The mount and/ or frame should be reasonably modest. Please consult the Show Secretary.

Design

- All items should be safe and fit for purpose.
- All items should be pleasing to look at. Consideration will be made of shape, scale, proportion, balance, colour and texture.
- Practical items should be pleasing to handle.
- Originality will be rewarded.

Materials

- All materials should be appropriate for the design and intended purpose.
- Items of hard craft should be properly conditioned.

Techniques

- The quality of the workmanship is the most important judging criteria.
- Where the reverse side of a piece is visible, the neatness and quality of workmanship on the back will also be examined. (For example, the reverse side of an unframed cross-stitch piece.)
- Difficult techniques will garner additional credit.
- Items incorporating a variety of techniques may also receive additional credit.

Finish and presentation

- All items should be clean and neatly presented.
- Ideally, textiles should be finished by dampening, blocking and pressing etc. However, they should not be over-handled and the original texture of the textiles should be maintained.
- There should be no adhesive visible on top surfaces.

- Mounts and frames may be used, but these should be modest and not dominate your work. Please contact the Show Secretary if you wish to check the suitability of your frame.
- Items, such as bags, may be lightly stuffed to emphasise their shape.
- Small props may be used but these shouldn't overwhelm or distract from your crafted item. If in any doubt about the suitability of your props, please contact the Show Secretary.
- If necessary, a small explanatory note card may accompany your craft item. Please contact the Show Secretary for further advice.

Craft-specific advice

- **'On with the Show: An NFWI Handbook for Exhibitors, Judges and Show Committees'** provides some great advice for exhibiting many different crafts. However, there may be some slight differences from the class instructions provided in our Show Schedule - our Show Schedule should always take precedence.
- For further advice on the judging criteria for specific crafts, please contact the Show Secretary.