

# 2021 CALIFORNIA MAKE IT WITH WOOL CONTEST



## **Winner's Circle Names, Category & City- from left to right**

Hailey Andrews, Senior Category, San Diego

Marissa Sanchez, Junior Category, Brentwood

Kevin Vlach, Pre-teen Category, Leona Valley

Jennifer Serr, Adult Category, Alameda

The California Make It With Wool Contest held it's annual event on Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Orinda Masonic Center.

The new California Director, April Ward, hosted the competition with entries from the Bay Area as well as from Southern California.

The MIWW Contest promotes the beauty and versatility of woolen fabrics and yarns and encourages creativity in sewing, knitting, crocheting and other fiber arts. The contest has a long, colorful history with the first contest being held in 1947 to create interest in sewing with wool. For

74 years, the contest has encouraged personal creativity and showcased thousands of awe-inspiring woolen garments from all over the US.

Today the contest has competitions in 31 states and is sponsored by the American Sheep Industry.

The contest has four age categories. Pre-Teen- 12 years and younger, Junior- 13-16, Senior 17-24 and Adult 25 years and older.

Ward's goals are to promote the contest and the wonderful properties of wool which make sewing, knitting, and crocheting with wool so enjoyable. Wool has timeless beauty, is warm and comfortable to wear and can last a lifetime. It is a natural fiber which makes it wonderful to work with even for beginners. The creative choices are endless as you can be seen with the contest's 2021 winning outfits.

Her other objective is to double the number of California's contestants in next year's contest and continue to grow the contest each following year.

The California Junior and Senior winners will compete in the National Make It With Wool Contest January 20-23, 2022 in San Diego at the Sheraton. The National contest is held in conjunction with the American Sheep Industry National Convention. The Adult winner will compete in a mail-in contest and the winner of the mail-in contest will participate in the National Fashion Show in San Diego.

For information about the Make It With Wool Contest visit the website [makeitwithwool.com](https://makeitwithwool.com). Contact April Ward for information about the California 2022 contest at [april.ann.ward@gmail.com](mailto:april.ann.ward@gmail.com).