Mastering these sewing skills will provide a solid foundation upon which the member may build skills. To achieve success in this project the skills listed below will help 4-H leaders know what to teach and 4-H member to know what they need to learn. Have your leader initial and date each skill as completed. Each level may take more than one year to complete. You need to be able to check off 10-12 skills each year. 4-H member must complete Level 1 before beginning Level 2 and complete Level 2 before beginning Level 3, or have club leader and/or 4-H Professional approval to advance a level.

**Level 2: Fashion Forward (complete a minimum of 10 skills each year for completion)**

1. Learn the difference between knit, woven, and non-woven fabrics
2. Learn four different fiber contents and their characteristics
3. Adjust pattern fit by making minor adjustments
4. Use a variety of interfacings
   - Non-fusible
   - Fusible
5. Use a different seam construction:
   - Flat Felled
   - French
   - Stretch Stitch
6. Use a different seam finish:
   - Clean finish (turn under edge & stitch)
   - Pinked
   - Zigzag
7. Trim & grade enclosed seams
8. Sew a straight dart
9. Sew a curved dart
10. Sew a 2-ended dart
11. Apply a lapped zipper
12. Apply a centered zipper
13. Apply an invisible zipper
14. Make sleeve plackets
15. Attach a collar
16. Make gathers & ruffles
17. Attach a waistband
18. Construct belt loops
19. Attach buttons with built-in shank
20. Attach buttons thread shank
21. Hem by hand
23. Reinforce crotch seam
24. Apply fly zipper
25. Use a fly front guard
26. Learn about 3 different types of hand sewing needles.  
27. Be able to identify a sleeve roll  
28. Be able to identify a point press  
29. Be able to identify a sleeve board  
30. Learn to use a seam sealant for serged threads  
31. Learn to knot & clip serged threads  
32. Learn to thread back through stitched serging  
33. Sew a sample or a clothing item using striped fabric  
34. Sew a sample or clothing item using plaid fabric  
35. Use a different pocket application:  
   • Curved or shaped  
   • Pocket flaps  
   • Slot  
   • Inseam  
   • Lined  
   • Welt  
36. Sew a sample or clothing item with pleats