

DIORAMA CATEGORY

DEFINITION: The major focus of the scene must be three dimensional within the eggshell. The egg may have any number of openings, with or without doors. Keep in mind, THREE dimensional when creating your scene, it must have a background, mid-ground and fore ground.

LEVEL REQUIREMENTS:

Novice: 50 points needed for qualification.

1. Must use a goose eggshell.
2. One opening with or without doors. (Minimal requirement).
3. May use reworked commercial figures and scenery.
4. Outside of the eggshell must be sealed with paint, varnish, cloth, etc.

Intermediate: 85 points needed for qualification.

1. Must use a goose eggshell.
2. One or more openings, with or without doors.
3. Must be a multi-figured or multi-object scene (three or more) and reworked if commercial.
4. Interior of the eggshell must be hand painted or print-lifted from a card and applied as a background scene.
5. Appropriate exterior design. (Must tie in with the interior design).

Master: 95 points needed for qualification.

1. Must be swan, emu, rhea or ostrich eggshell
2. Multi-openings and/or filigree cuts must be used.
3. Multi-figured or objects in scene. Figures or objects must be handmade or designed by the applicant. If using commercial figures or objects, they must be extensively reworked (see definitions).
4. Appropriate exterior design (must tie in with the interior design)
5. Multi figured or object required (five or more)

STANDARDS: (Judging Criteria)

I. General Creativity: (20 points)

A. Originality (15 points)

1. Inventive or creative, an original work as opposed to any copy or imitation. (No seminar designs or instruction kits are allowed).

B. Overall Impression (5 points)

1. Pleasing to the eye.

II. Design: (30 points)

A. Form/Shape (5 points)

1. Retention of the egg shape.

B. Harmony and Color (15 points)

1. The egg/base/stand: (total design) must be color coordinated.
a) Exterior b) Interior c) Base/stand

C. Balance Overall (10 points)

1. The elements/ figures chosen must be proportionately compatible to the design.

III. Workmanship: (50 points)

A. Neatness (20 points)

1. No glue showing.
2. The hole in the egg must be covered.
3. Overall neatness.

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B. Degree of Difficulty (30 points)

1. Detail of diorama scene.

a) Mechanics

b) Hand painted background or applied prints, or any other technique used will add to the degree of difficulty.