

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Costume Construction II

Corset Grading matrix

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Poor	Failure
<b>Overall Appearance</b>	Completely finished, clean and beautiful, absolutely symmetrical	Completely finished, smooth, nice finish, mostly symmetrical	Finished with some ripples and imperfections, some raw edges showing	Finished with many ripples, raw edges, puckers and poor stitching	Unfinished with many ripples, raw edges, puckers and poor stitching
<b>Pattern alterations</b>	Beautiful balance and proportions	Good balance and proportions	Odd proportions	Little balance and proportion	Ugly
<b>Fit</b>	Correct period shape, doesn't pinch or gap, is the correct length for the body	the right period shape, doesn't pinch or gap, is the correct length for the body	Fits the body but pulls or gaps in places, is slightly too long or short	Pulls, pinches or gaps in many place	Pulls, pinches or gaps in every place
<b>Busk</b>	Accurately inserted and stitched, smooth, even stitching	Accurately inserted and stitched, with mostly smooth, even stitching	Inserted and stitched, with loose, rough or uneven stitching	Inserted and stitched, with very loose, rough, uneven stitching, raveling edges	Raveling edges, poor stitching, uneven
<b>Grommets and lacing</b>	Clean, evenly spaced, and symmetrical	Clean, mostly evenly spaced, and symmetrical	Unevenly spaced, raw edges, too close or far from top and bottom edges	Unevenly spaced, raw edges, too close or far from top and bottom edges	Unevenly spaced, raw edges, too close or far from top and bottom edges
<b>Boning and casing</b>	Smooth and even appearance, beautiful, even stitching on both sides	Mostly smooth and even, some uneven or sloppy stitches visible	Visible stitches, puckers or ripples apparent, missed edges or uneven stitches	Many loose or visible stitches, many puckers and ripples, raw edges visible	Many raw edges exposed, loose stitches, puckers
<b>Waist stay</b>	Symmetrical and beautifully stitched	Mostly symmetrical and beautifully stitched	Not completely symmetrical	Unsymmetrical, loose, uneven stitches	Unsymmetrical, loose, uneven stitches, raw edges visible
<b>Binding</b>	Smooth, thin, even and symmetrical, hand stitches are even and tight	Mostly smooth, thin, even and symmetrical, hand stitches are even and tight	Not smooth, not even, slightly lumpy, loose or uneven hand stitches	Not smooth or even, very lumpy, poor hand stitching	Uneven, raw edges or loose threads visible, thick