



**Categories;**

Textile/Fabric, Woodwork & Ceramic/Pottery

**CLOSING DATE**

27 February 2009

**PRIZES**

**PROVINCIAL**

**R10 000.00** (1st prize for each category awarded per province)

**R5 000.00** (2nd prize for each category awarded per province)

**R2 500.00** (3rd prize for each category awarded per province)

**NATIONAL**

**R30 000.00** (1st prize for overall national winner in each category)

**R20 000.00** (2nd prize for overall national winner in each category)

**R10 000.00** (3rd prize for overall national winner in each category)

CRITERIA	CONDITIONS
<p>The Department of Arts and Culture is staging a National Craft Competition which is a special commission by the Minister in the following categories;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textile/Fabric</li> <li>• Ceramic/Pottery</li> <li>• Woodwork</li> </ul> <p>The competition's objective is to encourage creativity and innovative designs among South African craftspeople who work in textile, ceramic and woodwork and to raise the profile of these specific craft genres in the craft sector. The Department is looking for exciting and innovative work that reflects a celebration of South African craft, heritage and expression. Products must be hand made using traditional or contemporary skills. The quality of the workmanship must be very high. Materials used must be environmentally friendly. Products should have reference to South African culture, environment or social structure.</p> <p><b>Textile/Fabric</b> Innovative design which can be decorated with items such as beads, pins, embroidery, felt, quilting, patchwork or collage. Size – no larger than 1,5 m length 1,5 m width</p> <p><b>Ceramic/Pottery</b> Fired clay, earthenware, stoneware, porcelain or paper clay. Size – maximum 150 cm New designs, new technology and skills should be used.</p> <p><b>Woodwork</b> Creative design of woodcarving, sculpture, woodturning, and handmade furniture.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Entrants are allowed to submit two works.</li> <li>2. Only original works may be entered.</li> <li>3. The work may not have been previously exhibited in a competition.</li> <li>4. Selection will be done by a panel of judges.</li> <li>5. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence with the judges will be allowed.</li> <li>6. Selection will be from actual or electronic photographs. <b>Photographs must be taken against a plain background so that the objects are clearly visible and 2 or 3 views of the work should be taken.</b></li> <li>7. Photographs must be marked on the back with entrant's name and sent together with a completed entry form.</li> <li>8. All works must be for sale.</li> <li>9. All wall hangings must have sleeves for hanging.</li> <li>10. Sculptures must be structurally strong and stand firmly and have to fit through a normal-sized single door.</li> <li>11. The selection panel and /or organisers reserve the right to refuse works which differ from the selected photograph, are of poor quality and difficult to hang, install or handle.</li> <li>12. All works must be signed by the artist.</li> </ol> <p><b>NB – Remember to enclose photos of work with name on back of photo</b> <b>Send photographs with entry form to:</b> P. O. Box 558, Newtown, 2113 on or before 27 February 2009, or email to:</p>

Size – maximum 1m width X 2m height

info@craftcompetition.co.za

***No late entries will be accepted.***

**Stages of the competition:**

- Closing dates for sending photographs and entry form 27 February 2009 followed by selection
- Closing date for sending actual products after selection 11 March 2009
- Judging
- Awards Ceremony & opening of exhibition 17 April 2009

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