

## **Scissors/Shears Intermediate**

**Sean is in his third year in the 4-H Clothing Project and is starting to purchase his own sewing supplies. His hope is to accumulate his own set of supplies so that he will eventually be able to take them with him when he moves away from home.**

**Sean believes that next to the sewing machine and steam iron, the scissors/shears will be his next major investment. He expects that a good quality scissors/shears should last him for many years.**

**Sean wants a shears that is of excellent quality that will easily cut through multiple layers of fabric. He has learned from his Mom and Grandma never to cut paper or no-fabric craft supplies with a good sewing shears. Sean will use the shears primarily for cutting out patterns.**

**Sean has saved \$20 to spend on the shears. His Grandmas has told him that if he needs additional money for his shears she will give it to him as an early birthday present.**

**Which scissors/shears is the best choice for Sean?**

**Criteria:**

- **Good quality**
- **Appropriate for anticipated use**
- **Cost**

**#1**

**Fiskars #9453**

**8” Multi-layer scissors**

**left or right handed**

**“Ideal for multiple layers  
cutting of cloth, felt and many  
other craft materials.”**

**\$13.96**

**#2**

**Ginger Shears  
8” knife edge shears**

**“Ginger knife edge shears are the sharpest produced today – and will cut through greater thicknesses of material than any other shears.”**

**Limited Lifetime Warranty**

**\$26.99**

**#3**

**Fiskars #9808  
4” Curved Blade Scissors**

**“These superior quality scissors are excellent for precision cutting of cloth, plastic canvas, rubber, string, thread, yarn, film, paper and many other craft materials.”**

**Limited Lifetime Warranty**

**\$8.76**

**#4**

**Fiskars #9466**

**8” Straight Craft Scissors  
Left or right handed  
Stainless steel blade**

**“These superior quality  
scissors are excellent for  
cutting ribbon, string, cloth,  
and many other craft  
materials.”**

**Limited Lifetime Warranty  
\$6.96**

## Scissors/Shears Official Placing

**Placing: 2-1-4-3**

**Cuts: 4-5-6**

**I place this class of scissors/shears 2-1-4-3.**

**In the top pair I place 2 over 1 because it best meets Sean's needs. Sean has identified that he wishes to purchase a good quality shears that will last him a long time. The Gingher Shears in #1 is an excellent sharp shears that will cut through many thicknesses of fabric. With his Grandma's offer of financial assistance this shears will also fit into his budget. Granted, #1 will also cut through multiple layers of cloth and fits into his budget without obtaining assistance from Grandma. However, I fault 1 in that it is not of the superior quality of #2.**

**In the middle pair I place 1 over 4. #1 is designed to cut multiple layers of fabric. Granted, 4 is the least expensive scissors at \$6.96. I fault #4 because it is designed to be used as a craft scissors, so does not meet Sean's needs.**

**In the bottom pair I place 4 over 3. The #4 scissors does indicate it will cut cloth and is an appropriate length for cutting out patters. I fault 3 and leave it at the bottom of the class because it is too short at 4" to cut multiple layers of fabric when cutting out patterns. Granted, 3 would be an excellent choice as a second scissors for Sean to use when hand sewing or for snipping threads at the sewing machine.**

**For these reasons, I place this class of scissors 2-1-4-3.**

1234 - 40
1243 - 46
1324 - 25
1342 - 16
1423 - 37
<u>1432 - 22</u>
2134 - 44
2143 - 50
2314 - 33
2341 - 28
2413 - 45
<u>2431 - 34</u>
3124 - 14
3142 - 5
3214 - 18
3241 - 13
3412 - 0
<u>3421 - 4</u>
4123 - 32
4132 - 17
4213 - 36
4231 - 25
4312 - 6
4321 - 10