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Skills Ontario promotes career exploration through #SkillsFashionChallenge, eighth challenge of #SkillsAtHome series

Ontario (July 6, 2020) – Skills Ontario's #SkillsAtHome challenge series encourages Ontarians to virtually explore the skilled trades and technologies, with a new challenge being released every two weeks. The #SkillsFashionChallenge, the eighth of the series, launches today, and asks participants to design and create a full suit or a full-length dress entirely out of paper products.

This challenge encourages the development of skills in planning and design, creativity, organization, and attention to detail, and relates to the skilled professions of fashion designer and seamstress. Participants must send in submissions for the #SkillsFashionChallenge by July 20th.

"We're looking forward to seeing the submissions that the #SkillsFashionChallenge will bring in," says Ian Howcroft, CEO of Skills Ontario. "We're thrilled to continue providing Ontarians with fun, interactive activities that encourage skilled trade and technology career exploration. The future of Ontario is in good hands, and our #SkillsAtHome challenge series has truly highlighted that by celebrating the skills, passion, and talent that our future leaders have."

To participate in challenges in the #SkillsAtHome series, audiences are asked to share their submissions on Twitter. Winners are awarded prizes provided by Skills Ontario and its partners. Skills Ontario thanks its #SkillsAtHome program sponsors: the Government of Ontario, 3M Canada, Centennial College, Haas, Humber College, IHSA, Linamar, Magna, OPG, RBC, and WSIB, as well as its #SkillsFashionChallenge sponsors: Bruce Power, Colleges Ontario, Fanshawe College, and Seneca College. All challenge details can be found in both official languages at <u>skillsontario.com/skillsathome</u>.

Along with <u>Twitter</u>, Skills Ontario can also be found on <u>Instagram</u> at @skillsontario, on <u>LinkedIn</u> at "Skills Ontario", and on <u>Facebook</u> at "Skills Canada - Ontario." Skills Ontario looks forward to continuing to provide fun and interactive learning opportunities to build a strong and robust workforce.

Skills Ontario – Promoting skilled trades and technologies in Ontario since 1989

Skills Ontario has been growing a portfolio of programs including in-school presentations reaching 125,000 students across Ontario, career exploration summer camps, Young Women's and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Career Exploration Conferences, and annually hosting Canada's largest skilled trades and technologies competition which attracts 37,000+ spectators who cheerlead the 2,400+ competitors in 68+ trades and tech categories. To see how you can partner with Skills Ontario and help make a difference in the lives of Ontario's youth, visit <u>skillsontario.com/get-involved</u>.

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