Stitched Together for Success:
An Installation Ceremony for KEHA Club, County, Area and State Officers

The installation of new officers provides a time to reflect upon the accomplishments of our previous leaders and look forward to the new ideas and inspirations of our new leaders. To those who have served faithfully this past term, we owe you our deepest gratitude and thanks. Your stitches have provided the binding for our organization and held us strongly together. We thank you for a job well done.

The theme for the Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association this year is “Stitched Together for Success.” We will be using this theme to install our officers today. Just as each tool used in sewing and quilting has its own unique purpose; projects cannot be completed with only one. Likewise our officers have unique duties but all are necessary for our organization to function. Will all the newly elected officers please come forward? (Have the officers line up in order, Educational Chairmen first)

The members have shown their faith and confidence in your ability and have chosen you to give leadership to our work in the coming term. Your willingness to serve and discharge your duties to the best of your knowledge and ability is the first step towards making your term successful.

We’ll begin our installation with the educational chairmen. <read names and position> The pattern represents the Educational Chairmen and their duties. A pattern’s purpose is to guide the seamstress in the proper way to assemble her project. Likewise the Educational Chairmen’s purpose is to outline the goals and objectives for programming related to their area. Do each of you promise to faithfully carry out your duties and provide the pattern for our work? Let this pattern remind you of your duties as an Educational Chairman (Give gift to officer(s)).

The measuring tape symbolizes the Treasurer and her duties. <name of treasurer>, could you please step forward? In sewing and quilting, the measuring tape is used to insure that all calculations are precise so that all seams line up correctly. Similarly, the Treasurer must provide the measurements of the organization’s financial status. Do you promise to faithfully and diligent carry out your duties as treasurer? Let this measuring tape remind you of your roles and responsibilities as the Treasurer (Give the gift to the officer).

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The hoop symbolizes the Secretary and her duties. <name of secretary>, could you please step forward? In quilting and needlework, the hoop holds the fabric firmly in place. Similarly the Secretary ensures the work of the organization is held firm and stitched together for reference and guidance. Do you promise to carry out your duties to the best of your ability? Let this hoop symbolize these duties to you as the Secretary (Give the gift to the officer).

The thread symbolizes the Vice President(s). <name(s) of vice president(s)>, could you please step forward? The thread ensures that the pieces of fabric hold together and that the project doesn’t fall apart. Likewise the Vice President(s) provides the means to join together the organization for common goals and objectives. Do you promise to support the president and carry out your specific duties to the best of your ability? Let this spool of thread remind you of your duties as the Vice President (Give the gift to the officer(s)).

The needle represents the President. <name of president>, could you please step forward? The needle ensures that the project is underway by initiating action and then ensuring that the action is followed through. Similarly the president is the eye and tool to guide the organization, ensuring that it is operating at its full potential. Do you pledge yourself to provide guidance, service, inspiration and leadership as president of the <name of club, county, area>? Let this needle remind you of your duties as President (Give the gift to the officer).

Neither a quilting nor sewing project would be complete without fabric. Fabric provides the substance for the final product. Likewise, the KEHA members are the bulk of the organization. Without members, the organization would be unable to function. (You may simply display a piece of fabric or provide each member with a small piece of fabric.) Members, do you promise to be active and to support these leaders in the projects and activities of the <name of club, county, area>?

By the authority vested in me as the installing officer, I now declare these officers of the <name of club, county area> duly installed. Congratulations and best wishes.

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