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Friendship Lesson: Just because your opinion is honestly how you feel, doesn't mean you need to share it.

Rarity and Twilight Sparkle are putting up flyers advertising a fashion show Rarity is organizing to showcase aspiring designers. Rarity says she thinks it's important to help up-and-coming designers, and the winner will get to debut their line in her store. And even better, Hoity Toity and Photo Finish have agreed to come and be judges! But she wants one more judge, somepony who can speak for the "everypony's" take on fashion. Rarity asks Applejack to be a judge, since Applejack is the most honest pony in Ponyville. Applejack is hesitant at first since she doesn't know much about fashion, but Rarity pleads with her. "All you need is to just give your honest opinion." Applejack finally agrees.

Rarity and Applejack are at the Carousel Boutique with the three contestants when Hoity Toity and Photo Finish arrive with much pomp and circumstance. Everypony is excited to see these fashion icons except Applejack, who is a little bemused by their outlandish behavior. When Hoity Toity and Photo Finish begin arguing about two belts that look exactly the same to Applejack, she offers her honest opinion that they're the same. Hoity Toity and Photo Finish bristle. Then, when they visit the ponies who are going to model the designs for the fashion show, Applejack takes one look at the "avante garde" makeup and hair and honestly wonders why anypony would do that to themselves? The three contestants look a little hurt. Finally, when they meet with the three designers and catch a glimpse of their designs, Applejack can't help but stifle a giggle. "Are these clothes? Or pieces of fabric glued on a ponyquin?" The hopeful designers can't help but be insulted. Applejack says she was brought for her honesty and that's what she's giving them. It's not her fault that fashion is silly. "Silly?" Rarity asks. Applejack says yes – she thinks everything about fashion is silly. This lands hard with the three contestants, and they decide to bow out of the fashion show, "My mom and dad want me to be an accountant anyway/ this is too much pressure/ I knew my designs weren't good." Rarity wheels on Applejack, "How could you?"

Applejack says she didn't mean to ruin the fashion show, but she was just being honest. And wasn't that why Rarity asked her to be a judge in the first place? Because of her honesty? Rarity says there is a difference between being honest and being hurtful. "What if I told you, strawberries were the only fruits worth eating and that apples were absolutely ridiculous!" Applejack: "Take that back!" Rarity gives her a pointed look. Applejack gets it and vows to make things right. She rounds up the contestants and apologizes, urging them all to pursue their dreams, even if she doesn't fully understand it. The fashion show is back on! Applejack even offers to help out however she can, since everypony lost time thanks to her. Applejack sees firsthand how much work goes into a fashion show: it's a whirlwind of activity with stage construction, lighting set-up, music sound check, models practicing their walk and coordinating wardrobe changes, hair and make-up ponies doing their jobs, the designers doing last-minute touch-ups, etc. AJ had no idea. She works really hard to make it up to everypony - just because she's not interested in fashion doesn't mean she can't appreciate the amazing effort that goes into it.

Later, we see all three designers have their clothes in Rarity's store. Hoity Toity, Photo Finish, and Rarity each chose a different designer as their favorite. Applejack was the tiebreaking vote, but she thought that opinions are just opinions, and in her humble opinion, all three designers worked very hard and deserved the chance.