



LaPorte County Mini 4-H

Arts & Crafts



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Mini 4-H Parent's Page

We welcome you and your child to the LaPorte County Mini 4-H program. Mini 4-H is for youth who are in kindergarten, first or second grade during the 4-H year (October 1-September 30). This program is designed to encourage positive development, give youth the opportunity to explore interests, practice small and large muscle control, and introduce you to the LaPorte County 4-H program.

As a Mini 4-H parent or guardian, please support your child through the activities in this handbook. Encourage and praise your child as they have fun learning and sharing with you. Please avoid completing activities for them. Learning by doing is the best educational tool that we can provide for youth.

Mini 4-H exhibition, held annually at the LaPorte County Fair, is an exciting time for all 4-H members, families and friends. It is a week that allows youth to showcase their talents, interests and enthusiasm for learning.

Where Do I Begin?

1. Mini 4-H is open to any youth who is enrolled in either kindergarten, first or second grade on January 1st of the current year.
2. Enroll your Mini 4-H youth on v24honline.com and pay the annual \$5 program fee to be an active Mini 4-H member. Once registered, you will receive a bimonthly email bulletin keeping you informed of Mini 4-H and 4-H opportunities. Any questions can be answered by LaPorte County Purdue Extension at 219-324-9407.
3. Mini 4-H participants complete activities and projects found in this guide. Activities and projects are completed at home.
4. One (1) project from this handbook can be exhibited at the Mini 4-H exhibition. Please complete the Mini 4-H Exhibit tag and attach it to your project, as well as a record sheet (both are included in this manual). Watch your email for dates of exhibit check-in.
5. Some projects require a poster to exhibit. Following are **POSTER EXHIBIT guidelines**:
 - A. Stiff backing 14" high by 22" wide. (This can be cardboard or foam core board).
 - B. Position poster board **HORIZONTALLY**.



What Do the H's in 4-H Mean?

Head, Heart, Hands, and Health

4-H Symbol: A four-leaf clover with an "H" on each leaf

4-H Colors: Green and White

4-H Motto: "To make the best, better!"



4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,

I promise to use my head to make good choices.

my **HEART** to greater loyalty,

I promise to use my heart to be a good friend.

My **HANDS** to larger service,

I promise to use my hands to do helpful things for others.

And my **HEALTH** to better living,

I promise to take care of my body and to show others to live in a healthy way.

For my club, my community,

I promise to help my group, my community,

My country, and my world

Mini 4-H Exhibition

This handbook has you try fun crafts and activities. After you have tried the different crafts pick one (1) to exhibit at the Mini 4-H Exhibition during the LaPorte County Fair.

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Project Options:

Decoupage Project
Splatter Painting
Collage
Plaster Figurine

2nd Grade Project Options:

Seed Drawing
Painting
Tissue Paper Decoupage
Clay Free Form

Emails and the biweekly 4-H bulletin will note the date and time for Mini 4-H exhibit check in. You may exhibit 1 project from this handbook. Remember to include the completed Arts & Crafts Record Sheet and Mini 4-H Exhibit Tag with your exhibit. Your questions can be answered by calling Purdue Extension at 219-324-9407.

MINI 4-H EXHIBIT		
Project: (Circle One)		
Arts & Crafts	Bicycle Safety	Bugs
Collections	Cookie Decorating	
Farm Animals	Foods	Gardening
Little Peeps	Models	Nature/Plants/Trees
Pets	Recycling	Sewing
Sun, Stars & Space	Wearable Art	
NAME: _____ GRADE: _____		

Kindergarten & First Grade Projects

Decoupage

Materials Needed:

- White Paper (no larger than 8 1/2" X 11")
- White Glue
- Small Paint Brush, 1"-2" wide
- Colorful Pictures from magazines, greeting cards, comics, wrapping paper, etc.
- Newspaper
- Poster Board (see page 3)

Directions:

1. Place paper on top of newspaper. Cut out pictures you want to use.
2. Glue the pictures on your paper. Leave the outer edges uncovered so you have a border for a frame.
3. Cover the entire paper with glue. Let it dry. Add another layer of glue and let dry. You should have a shiny wall hanging when you are finished.
4. You may want to mat your picture following the directions at the end of the project book.
5. Mount picture on poster board.
6. If this is your exhibit, attach the Mini 4-H Exhibit Tag.

Splatter Painting

Materials Needed:

- Paint-Tempera, Water Color, Poster
- 8 1/2" X 11" Paper
- Toothbrush, Fork, or Hairbrush used to splatter paint
- Objects of Nature or Cut Out Shapes
- Newspaper
- Poster Board (see page 3)

Directions:

1. Place paper on top of newspaper.
2. Arrange leaves, items or shapes on your paper.
3. Pour a small amount of paint in a bowl and add a little water to thin the paint out.
4. Dip the toothbrush, form, spoon, or hairbrush in the paint and water mixture. Only a small amount is needed.
5. Rub toothbrush or brush with your finger or hand. When using a fork, dip the prongs in the paint and fling the paint at the paper to make splatters. (You may want to wear a paint shirt!)
6. Move the leaves, items or shapes off your paper. Let it dry. Clean up your work area and put your supplies away.
7. If this is your exhibit, attach the Mini 4-H Exhibit Tag.

Collage

Materials Needed:

- One Type of Material (noodles, cereal, buttons, etc.) 8 1/2" X 11"
Drawing Paper
- Glue
- Poster Board

Directions:

1. Glue material chosen in a random or planned pattern. Cover the entire sheet of drawing paper.
2. Allow paper to dry.
3. Mount picture on poster board.
4. If this is your exhibit, attach the Mini 4-H Exhibit Tag.

Plaster Figurine

- Plaster Figurine no larger than 6" tall (Can be purchased at local craft store)
- Paint brush
- Water Based Paint
- Paper Towel or Paper Plate

Directions:

1. Place figurine on paper towel or plate and paint. Allow the figurine to dry.
2. If this is your exhibit, attach the Mini 4-H Exhibit Tag.

Second Grade Project Options

Seed Drawing

Materials Needed:

- Cardboard (no larger than 8 1/2" X 11")
- Pencil
- Pattern for Picture
- Variety of Seeds: corn, beans, rice, peas, sunflower, pumpkin, watermelon, tomato etc.
- White Glue
- Toothpick
- Poster Board (see page 3)

Directions:

1. Trace or draw a picture. Leave a space around the edges for framing.
2. Decide where you will put the seeds. Spread glue on small areas of your picture, and stick the seeds on that area. Use toothpick to help place the seeds. Continue until the picture is full. Let dry before moving.
3. Mount picture on poster board.
4. If this is your exhibit, attach the Mini 4-H Exhibit Tag.

Tissue Paper Decoupage

Materials Needed:

- Liquid Starch or White Glue
- Art Tissue Scraps or Squares
- Jars, Bottles, Vases
- Paint Brush
- Newspaper

Directions:

1. Paint a small amount of starch/glue on the glass.
2. Place tissue paper pieces on top of the glue. Make sure all corners are placed flat on the surface and let it dry.
3. Brush additional glue on top if needed.
4. Let dry. Spray with clear enamel if you like.
5. If this is your exhibit, attach the Mini 4-H Exhibit Tag.

Painting

Materials Needed:

- 8 1/2" x 11" Drawing Paper
- Water Based Paint
- Paint Brush
- Poster Board (see page 3)

Directions:

1. Draw a picture of your choice (house, person, animal etc.). Mount your picture on poster board.
2. If this is your exhibit, attach the Mini 4-H Exhibit Tag.

Clay Free Form

Materials Needed:

- Air Dry Modeling Clay
- Water Based Paint
- Paint Brush
- Paper Towel or Paper Plate

Directions:

1. Mold the clay into a figure of your choice (No taller than 6 "). Allow clay to dry.
2. Paint on a paper towel or paper plate. Allow the figurine to dry.
3. If this is your exhibit, attach the Mini 4-H Exhibit Tag.



Mini 4-H Arts and Crafts Record Sheet

What did you learn while working on your project?

List the supplies you purchased:

Item	Where Purchased	Cost
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Do you want to try this project again? _____

Why?

Name: _____ Date: _____