

ARTS & CRAFTS (Any Other Craft – Ceramics: Molded and Hand-Formed)

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be *BOLDED and ITALICIZED!* Pay special attention to any projects with *BOLD, ITALICIZED WORDS* because they have changed from last year.

The Ceramics project enhances creativity skills by teaching youth about the basics of ceramics. Youth are encouraged to increase the difficulty of their skills displayed each year in the project.

Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Arts and Crafts			
Division/Level	Grades	Completion Activities Needed*	Maximum State Fair Entries
Level 1	Grades 3-5	Record Sheet	Fine Arts: 2 Entries
Level 2	Grades 6-8	Record Sheet	Needle Craft: 2 Entries
Level 3	Grades 9-12	Record Sheet	Model Craft: 2 Entries All Other Craft: 6 Entries

LEVELS: Level 1 – Grades 3-5 Level 2 – Grades 6-8 Level 3 – Grades 9-12

Remember: All posters, notebooks, and display boards MUST include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed. Reference Sheets are available at the Extension Office for use. For personal safety, do not include personally identifiable information such as mailing address or phone numbers on posters/displays/exhibits.

ALL LEVELS:

1. See Hendricks County General 4-H Rules.
2. A Record Sheet must be completed in order to exhibit.

RULES:

- All work must be that of the 4-H member.
- Greenware or hand made clay items must be signed (carved in) and dated and visible to the judge.
- Functional items must have a glazed finish. Felt to protect furniture is strongly suggested.
- Members should advance in skill difficulty exhibited/learned each year.
- All pieces must be fired in the kiln to be considered Ceramics
- All pieces must be cleaned (remove mold marks, blemishes, etc.) by the 4-H member

Key words:

Greenware: A clay body that has not been fired in a kiln.

Bisque: Also known as white ware, it is the item after it has been fired in the kiln.

Glaze: A form of glass, which fuses to the clay body during firing in the kiln.

Stain: A non-fired decorative medium; manufactured with a variety of ingredients and either latex, acrylic, oil-base, or water-base colors

Underglaze: A material that does not seal the surface of the ware, but must be used under a glaze and fired in the kiln.

MOLDED CERAMICS EXHIBITS:

Level 1 – Introduction to stains. Make a simple article using stains–Articles could include flower pots, mugs, spoon holders, candle holders, simple figures, or book ends. Member should learn to evenly apply color to bisc.

Level 2 – One article or a set of articles using basic glaze work focusing on even application.

Level 3 – Choose one of the following:

- One article using advance basic techniques some suggestions might be free brush stroke work, glaze combination work, decals or overglazes. Other advanced techniques include greenware alterations, scraffito, advanced firings or casting by entrant.
- An article in porcelain, china painting, or stoneware.

HAND-FORMED AND POTTERY EXHIBITS:

Level A – One article made. Pinch pot with additions or texturing to be completed in glaze.

Examples: candy dish, vase, decorative dish or tray, candle holders, etc.

Level B – One article made or a set of articles made. Slab construction may be slumped or sagged.

Level C and D – One article or set of articles using Advanced techniques such as coil construction and advancement in glaze or stain application work. Additional Advanced techniques include Piercing, Incising, sprigging, hand sculpting, and wheel work. Display exhibit pieces only. Commercially produced bisc is not accepted in this division.

The ultimate goal is for the 4-H member to advance in the degree of difficulty each year.