

Basic Crafts

General Rules

1. 4-H'ers may choose up to two from the following categories: candle making, ceramics, gift wrapping, miscellaneous crafts. **YOU MAY ENTER UP TO TWO BASIC CRAFT PROJECTS AS LONG AS THEY ARE NOT LIKE KIND.**
2. Only one article must be exhibited per category. A pair is considered one article.
3. Pictures must be ready for hanging - no pop-tops may be used. All items should be finished and ready for intended use.

Candle Making Exhibit Suggestions

Clover (3rd Grade) - Make candles using unmelted wax crystals; using different colors of wax crystals, different designs, and your choice of suitable container.

EXHIBIT - one multi-color, designed unmelted wax crystal candle.

Clover (4th Grade) - Make gel candles using one color of gel wax, plain or decorated (inside gel wax or on the outside of container) in containers of your choice.

EXHIBIT - one gel wax candle in container.

Clover (5th Grade) - Make solid wax candles using containers or molds: candles are NOT to be decorated or painted. Use your choice of container or rigid plastic, glass, or metal mold. (Waxed cartons will leave an undesirable film.)

EXHIBIT - one colored, plain, solid wax candle, either in container of your choice or from a mold.

Junior (6th Grade) - Make one colored wax candle using molds. Candles are to be any one of the following or a combination: (1) decorated on outside of candle; (2) painted on outside of candle.

EXHIBIT - one single color wax candle from mold, using one or both of the combinations described.

Junior (7th Grade) - Make whipped wax candles. NO coloring or decorating.

EXHIBIT - one whipped snowball candle. (NO coloring or decorating Base can be bought.)

Junior (8th Grade) - Using molds and/or containers, create a decorative candle with whipped wax. Examples: picture candle, sodas, sundaes, frosted Christmas trees, etc.

EXHIBIT - one decorative candle with whipped wax (using mold or container)

Senior (9th Grade) - Make multi-colored candles: (1) one molded candle layered with different colors of wax; OR (2) one poured color over cut or carved wax pieces (multi or one-colored pieces).

EXHIBIT - one multi-colored candle, using one of the methods described above.

Senior (10th Grade) - Make molded combination candles using: ice, whipped wax, cut or carved wax pieces, paint, glitter, sequins, etc. Be creative.

EXHIBIT - one combination candle INCORPORATING NO LESS THAN 2 OF THE IDEAS MENTIONED ABOVE.

Senior (11th Grade) - Repeat the Senior (9th Grade) requirements, BUT create a seasonal or all-occasion centerpiece.

EXHIBIT - one candle and centerpiece (seasonal or all-occasion). The candle must meet Senior (9th Grade) requirements.

Senior (12th Grade) - Create any type of candles not mentioned in years before. Examples: sand cast candles, honeycomb candles, free form candles, tapered candles, twisted candles, stacked candles, etc. Must be properly exhibited for the type of candle selected. Let your mind go WILD!

EXHIBIT - one candle type not covered in the Candle Making Project, Grades 3 - 11.

Ceramics Exhibit Suggestions

Note: In all levels, the use of felt on the bottom of your exhibit is not allowed. Also, any additional decoration on your piece such as flowers, yarn, or ribbon should not be used. Exhibit one article or not more than five pieces of a set.

Clover (3rd grade) - Glaze a simple design using a one-color glaze. Crystal or art glaze is permitted. Exhibit one article.

Clover (4th grade) - Underglaze using three colors. White is not considered a color. Finish the piece using any color glaze. Exhibit one article.

Clover (5th grade) - Underglaze a detailed article using more than three color underglazes. A wash on antiquing is to be used. Exhibit one article.

Junior (6th grade) - Stain an article using more than one color. Antiquing can be used, but is not required. Exhibit one article.

Junior (7th & 8th grades) - Dry Brushing. Exhibit one article.

Senior (Grades 9-12) - Choose:

1. Decals, lace or felt.
2. Gold Firing
3. Granite Stone
4. Tole Painting
5. Stoneware

Gift Wrapping Exhibit Suggestions

Note: Entry tags are to be taped to the lower right hand corner of the exhibit. Packages wrapped for exhibit should not contain articles. Attach a gift tag to compliment your package. The tag should include the following information: (1) the occasion for giving the gift (2) the age of the person to whom the gift is intended to be given.

Clover (3rd grade) - Wrap one square or rectangular package, using a self made bow.

Clover (4th grade) - Wrap one square or rectangular package, and use your imagination to decorate.

Clover (5th grade) - Wrap one cylinder-shaped package. Show creativity in the materials chosen.

Junior (6th grade) - Wrap one package using material other than wrapping paper.

Junior (7th & 8th grades) - The object of this level is to wrap a gift with a separate lid. Wrap one package-square, rectangle, or cylinder, so that the box may be opened. Wrapping paper and other materials may be used.

Senior (Grades 9-12) - Exhibit one of the following:

1. Incorporate fancy ideas: make box/package into a clown, animals, flowers, bells, snowman, etc.
2. Wrap one package of any shape using paper and accessories that you made. You must design your own materials. No commercial gift-wrapping supplies may be used. Judging will be on creativity and neatness. Examples: Roller Painting, String Pulling, Dip Dyeing, Potato Printing. You may also use fabric, felt, newspaper cutouts, burlap, or any other idea you can create.
3. Wrap an object without a box. Examples: umbrella, broom, ball bat, bell, shovel, etc.

Miscellaneous Crafts Exhibit Suggestions

Exhibits are any craft that does not fit another category of Basic Crafts as listed in this manual and will be judged together by grade level, based on difficulty and creativity. Examples include: Fabric Appliquéing, Basket Weaving, Bead Craft, Braiding & Knotting, Calligraphy, Country Crafts, Tole Painting, Decoupage, Dye Craft, Enameling, Fabric Painting, Glass Etching, Hair Pin Lace, Jewelry, Latch Hook, Leather Craft, Macramé, Metal Craft, Origami, Paint-by-Number, Pottery, Stained Glass, Stenciling, String Art, Tie-Dyeing, Tile Craft, Tube Painting, Wall Hangings, Weaving, Wood Carving, Wreaths, or any other craft not listed in this manual. The craft must increase in difficulty with each level. All items should be finished and ready for intended use.

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4-H Member Name _____ County _____ Grade in School _____

What is the title or your exhibit, or its purpose?

Was this exhibit completed from a purchased kit or an original design?

Describe how this exhibit was constructed/crafted. (What did you do?)