

## COLLECTIONS PROJECT

### ***In the 4-H Collections project, you will:***

1. Choose a suitable collection for your grade and division in this project.
2. Select a place in your home to store and display your collection.
3. Complete this record book.
4. Exhibit all or part of your collection at the 4-H Fair.
  - a. Select a **representative sample** of your collection and exhibit it attractively and neatly in a box OR on a poster OR in a notebook.  
**SUGGESTED SIZES:** box (not to exceed 18" x 24"), poster (22" x 28"), notebook (any size)  
**You are not expected to exhibit your complete collection each year at the fair, only those items which are necessary for your unique display. If the project grows too large and it is necessary to leave one or more year's collection at home, you MUST exhibit pictures of those items in the notebook exhibited with the collection at the fair.**
  - b. Attach your completed project book to your exhibit.
  - c. Be sure to attach labels to the items you display explaining them to the people who see your collection. Examples:
    - Matchbook cover given to me by a friend of my father's
    - Rock shaped like an apple
    - Button from my mother's wedding dress
  - d. **NO LIVE ITEMS ARE ACCEPTABLE**

### **Exhibit Guidelines**

See the current Posey County 4-H Handbook (Fairbook) for details.

**Judge's Criteria:** The following are the points for you to consider when preparing your exhibit, for they are the same ones the judge will think about in deciding your ribbon.

A completed record book <b>MUST</b> accompany each exhibited collection. (Did I really enjoy collecting this class, and do my friends enjoy it with me?)	40 points
Uniqueness: (Are the items unusual in style, manufacturer, date, selection, etc.?)	10 points
Quality & condition: (Are the items in good repair, clean, well-preserved?)	30 points
Attractiveness: (Are the items displayed in an attractive manner?)	20 points
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100 points</b>

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**After selecting the type of article you are going to collect and as you collect these articles, be sure to make your entries on the record sheets. This is very important because you will place this record with your exhibit at the Fair and they are judged together.**

It is also important to learn to label your collection accurately and neatly. As you arrange, correctly label the article so anyone looking at your collection will know what it is.

For more help with your collection, check the public library. They have books on many collectibles including cans, marbles, glass, buttons, comic books, rocks, coins, stamps, and other artifacts.

### Storing Your Collection

It is wise to select a special place in your home to store your collection. This may be in your own room or one you share. A sturdy cardboard box, shelves, a notebook, or a bulletin board would be appropriate, depending upon your collection. You may want to label your collection place, so your family will know that the items placed there are special to you.

If you arrange your collection attractively, you will be proud to display your collection to your friends and family. If they know of your interest, perhaps they will contribute items to your collection. Perhaps you and other collectors can trade items each of you has no need of.

Complete the following sentences:

I store or display my collection \_\_\_\_\_

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In the space above, put a picture of your collection in your home (optional). Other pictures may be added on a separate page(s) or on the last page of this manual.

Date I started collecting: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years I've taken this project \_\_\_\_\_

I like to collect \_\_\_\_\_ BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_

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List six items in your collection and describe them:

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List at least three places where you have found items for your collection:

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List two people (non-family members) to whom you have shown your collection:

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List at least three reasons why you have enjoyed collecting.

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