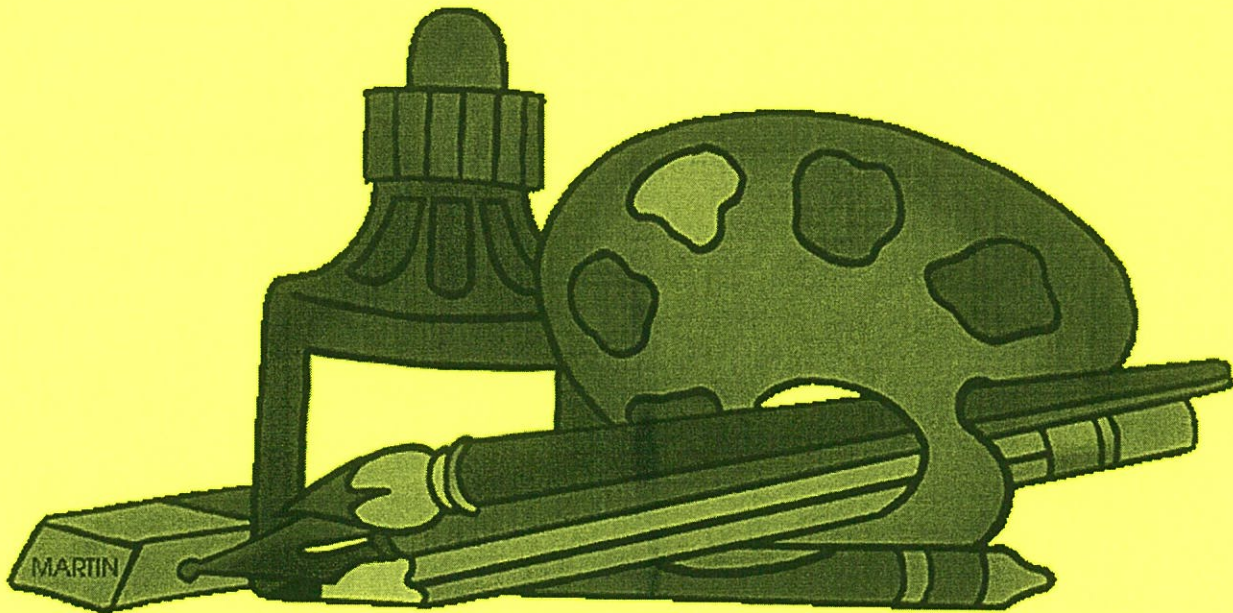




Mini 4-H

ARTS & CRAFTS





Mini 4-H Parent's Page



Welcome to the Mini 4-H Program! Mini 4-H is designed for youth, ages 7 -to-9, to explore a variety of project areas.

Your child received this project manual when enrolling in Mini 4-H. This manual will provide fun, age-appropriate learning activities.

As a Mini 4-H parent, your job will be to guide and encourage your child through the activity. It is highly suggested that you do not complete the activities for them. Instead, help them, guide them, work with them, and let them do all that they possibly can. The 4-H motto is "learn by doing" ... and is the best educational tool that we can provide for youth.

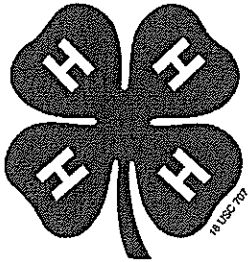
Additionally, the Mini 4-H program is set up to allow your child to exhibit a project at the 4-H Fair. This project is based upon information within this manual.

The 4-H Fair is an exciting time for 4-H members and families. It is a week that allows community youth to showcase their talents, interests and enthusiasm for learning.

Mini 4-H is fun! Your child cannot help but enjoy it! You can have fun too, by guiding and helping as your child participates in the program. Encourage and praise your child as he/she have fun learning and sharing with you.

If you have any questions regarding Mini 4-H or other 4-H programs, please feel free to contact your local Extension Office.

What is Art?



Art is a way to use your creativity and imagination. This can be done through drawing, painting, sculpting, or anything else you can imagine.

This Mini 4-H manual will give you some ideas to try. The ideas here are just a starting point, you are not limited to these ideas, but whatever you choose to create it must be no larger than 12"X12" for display at the fair. After each activity there will be a couple of questions to answer, attach these answered questions to your exhibit.

Use your imagination! Have fun!

Activity 1 – Geometric Designs

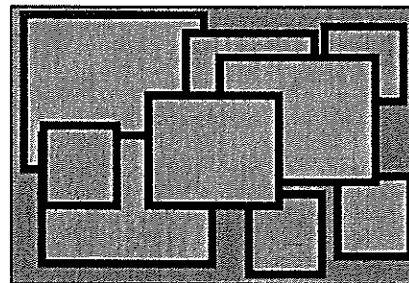
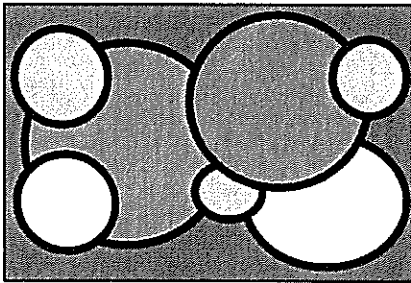
Materials needed for this activity:

6" X 9" or 8" X 10" white or colored paper black crayon or sharpie
Watercolor paints and a brush or crayons/markers paper towels

What you will do:

- 1.) Select a simple geometric shape (square, circle, and triangle). Using a black crayon or marker, draw that shape on the paper. Repeat it all of the paper in different sizes. Press heavy so the lines are thick and dark.
- 2.) Using colors, paint/color the shapes. Try to use many different colors.
- 3.) When completed, let your picture dry thoroughly. Mount on construction paper in a color that complement your design.

EXAMPLES:



Craft Card

What shape did you choose? _____

Why did you choose that shape? _____

What colors did you use in your picture? _____

Activity 2 – Mod Podge

Mod Podge is a water based sealer, glue and finish for all surfaces. It comes in two finishes, matte and glossy. It is available in most craft stores & Walmart, and it is simple to use. You can also make your own by mixing white school glue and part, mixing well.

Materials needed for this activity:

Mod Podge, newspapers, small brush (sponge), paint or stain (optional), wooden plaque (5" X 7" or smaller), picture of your choice

What you will do:

- 1.) Cover your work area with old newspapers.
- 2.) If you want to paint or stain your plaque, do this first and let it dry completely.
- 3.) Cut your picture to the proper size to fit on the plaque.
- 4.) Apply a thin coat of Mod Podge with a brush to the entire surface of your plaque. Let it dry for 15 minutes.
- 5.) Add another thin coat of Mod Podge to your plaque and place the picture on the plaque.
- 6.) Smooth out air bubbles with your fingers. Work from the middle of the picture to the outside.
- 7.) Add a thin coat of Mod Podge over the plaque and the picture. You may add additional coats until you get the look you want. Always let the plaque dry at least 15 minutes between coats.
- 8.) Be sure to wash out the brush when you are finished.

Your plaque will look white at first, but it will be clear when it is dry.

Craft Card

What kind of picture did you choose? _____

How did your picture look when it was finished? _____

How long did it take you to complete this project? _____

Activity 3 – Collage

A collage is a form of art where different materials, such as paper, cloth, flowers etc. are pasted together on a surface to make a pleasing display.

Materials needed for this activity:

White paper (no larger than 11" X 14"), scissors, colored tissue paper or construction paper, glue, extras (flowers, beads, seeds, yarn, ribbon, old pictures, magazines, anything)

What you will do:

- 1.) Choose a simple picture. Draw or trace it onto the white paper. You may decide to just use a random pattern without a picture.
- 2.) Glue tiny pieces on the paper onto your design to make a picture.
- 3.) You may add extras to make the picture special.
- 4.) Let your picture dry before moving it. Once dried, glue to the 11" X 14" poster board.

Craft Card

What is your picture? _____

What did you use to make your collage? _____

Did you enjoy making a collage? _____

Activity 4 – Spatter Paint

Materials needed for this activity:

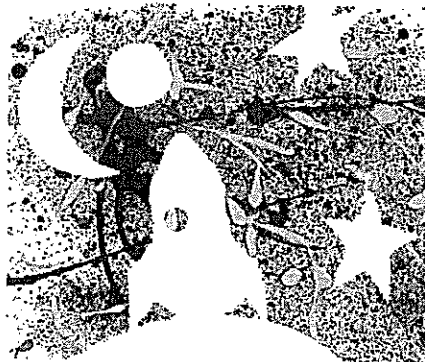
Watercolors or paint of your choice, clean piece of screen, 8 ½" by 11" white or colored paper, an old toothbrush, leaves or other shapes (use one or many), newspaper

**This activity is best if you work outside and wear old clothes.

What you will do:

- 1.) Put your paper on old newspapers, and arrange the leaves or shapes on your piece of paper (leave at least ½" to 1" plain boarder on all four edges of the paper).
- 2.) Dip your toothbrush in the paint, while holding the screen an inch or two above the paper. Rub the toothbrush carefully over the top of the screen. (Your paper should be covered with splatters of paint.)
- 3.) When there are enough splatters, lift the object. You will see the design on your paper.
- 4.) Let your spatter painting dry before moving it.

EXAMPLE:



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Craft Card

What is your picture? _____

What was the most difficult part to the project? _____

Did you enjoy making this painting? _____

Activity 5 – Other Ideas

Have you ever made jewelry, a special knick-knack, or a picture frame? Do you like to draw or paint? These are all things that are considered arts & crafts. Be creative; and use your imagination for more ideas. When making other things try different materials and techniques to see different end results.

WHAT TO EXHIBIT

One of the following:

- 1.) Make an arts & crafts poster. Your poster must be exactly 11 X 14 inches, displayed horizontally. Your poster should be covered with clear plastic or a poster sleeve.
- 2.) You may exhibit one arts and crafts project of your choice. Make sure the project is easy to display.

(Be sure to include your craft card with whatever you choose to exhibit. If you do not do one of the activities that has a craft card attached to it, then use the one below.)

Craft Card

What is your project? _____

Why did you decide to make this? _____

Did you enjoy doing it? _____

