

# FAIRY GARDENS

## General Requirements:

- ✓ Attach to project - 4-H-618A-W "4-H Craft Information Card" for description of work completed on the project.
- ✓ Include a digital picture with your Craft Card and keep for your records. You may want to start a notebook with ideas and past exhibits.
- ✓ If multiple pieces make up the exhibit, a photograph of the complete exhibit should be attached to the exhibit so the total exhibit can properly be displayed. For safety purposes any craft exhibit that resembles a sword, knife, or look-a-like weapon will be judged but will not be displayed.

A **Fairy Garden** is a miniature **garden** complete with structures and actual living plants. Another term would be a Theme Garden. The project is designed to give your green thumb a place to tend year-round or just in the summer on your porch or patio. Fairy Gardens make great gifts. A Fairy Garden does not need to include a fairy, but can include a theme of some kind with structures and plants to complement your idea. Google Search Fairy Garden and you will be amazed at all of the ideas that you can create. It is not necessary to buy any fancy pieces; you will be amazed at what you find in your toy box. Your plants can be any kind, just remember to keep the tag.

This project will be divided into three (3) divisions:

- Beginner - Grades 3-5
- Intermediate - Grades 6-8
- Advanced - Grades 9-12

## Project Exhibit Requirements

1. Exhibits will be judged according to the arrangement and detail. Be careful not to clutter
2. Judging will also be based on neatness of appearance and presentation.
3. Containers are only limited to size requirements. Any container will do
4. Fairies are not necessary, members may use any type of structure or figurines in their arrangement. Simple small toys may be included in design.
5. Remember to have fun as you create your green space.
6. Flowers, indoor plants, herbs, and miniature plants may be used. Just know the common name of what you put in your container.
7. Pieces may be used from year to year, but design and plant choice should change. Remember you can do indoor gardens.
8. A digital picture should be attached to the back of your craft card.
9. MUST include a 4-H Craft Information Card with information on the design and build process.

10. Start so your garden looks its best at the fair!

## **PROJECT GUIDELINES**

### *Beginner (Grades 3-5)*

- Exhibit: One container/planter/display that measures no more than 18" X 18 and no taller than 18".
- Remember to create a theme and be careful not to crowd your plants. Plants will grow.
- Write down the common names of your plants. Make sure they are healthy and free of pests and dead leaves.
- Attach a picture to your craft card.

### *Intermediate (Grades 6-8)*

- Exhibit: One container/planter/display that measures no more than 24" X 24 and no taller than 24".
- Remember not to clutter. Make your garden attractive and interesting.
- Write down the common names of your plants. Make sure they are healthy and free of pests and dead leaves.
- Attach a picture to your craft card

### *Advanced (Grades 9-12)*

- Exhibit: One container/planter/display that measures no more than "36" X "36" and no taller than "36".
- Size does not factor into score. Remember any container will work. Concentrate on your Theme and Design.
- Write down the common names of your plants. Make sure they are healthy and free of pests and dead levees.
- Get ideas from the internet, use ideas, not designs.

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