

# GENERAL ARTS & CRAFTS RULES

## ✂ ART & CRAFTS ✂

The Arts & Crafts projects are divided into three categories. Each category is subdivided into specific crafts. The 4-H member must be enrolled in the specific craft on the member enrollment card to be eligible to exhibit at the fair.

Each 4-H member may enter and exhibit one item only in each of the crafts listed below including All Other Basic Craft. For example, a member can exhibit a needle craft, stuffed toy, farm scene, and fine art piece (one of each).

### **Fine Arts (Original or Free-Hand Art Only)**

Fine Art (Acrylic, Pencil, Charcoal, Oil, Ink, Water Color, Pastel)\*

Miscellaneous Fine Arts

*\*Members are only allowed one (1) fine art exhibit (in the medium of their choice). One additional fine arts piece can be exhibited under 'Misc. Fine Arts'*

### **Needlecraft (Handwork Only)**

Needlecraft (includes counted cross stitch, embroidery and needlepoint)

Miscellaneous Needlecraft

### **Basic Crafts (Any Other Craft not listed above)**

All Other Basic Crafts

Ceramics/Greenware

Fairy Garden

Farm Scene

Latchhook

Lego/Construction Toys

Stuffed Toys

Wearable Arts

- This project is divided by grade category only:  
*Beginner 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade; Intermediate 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade; Advanced 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade.*
- In each craft class listed on the enrollment card ribbons will be given as follows:
- All exhibits will be given a ribbon. Blue, red, or white ribbons will be given on quality as determined by the judges. Any exhibit not meeting minimum requirements will be lowered one ribbon grade.
- From the blue ribbon exhibits in each craft age category a Champion ribbon and Reserve Champion ribbon will be given.
- From the Champion ribbon exhibits in each craft age category a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Rosette will be given

### **All exhibits must meet the following standards:**

1. All articles must be finished and ready to use (examples: pictures framed and ready to hang, rugs backed).
2. The 4-H'er must have been enrolled in the craft that is being entered.
3. Exhibits must be one of a kind or related unit (examples: matched pair of candles, pair of pillow cases, and pair of booties).
4. When possible cover article with a clear material for protection, however, do not seal it. It may be necessary for the judges to inspect exhibits closely.

5. Attach to project - 4-H-618A-W "[4-H Craft Information Card](#)" for description of work completed on the project.
6. 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.

### **State Fair Exhibits:**

**Each county may take only 12 (twelve) State Fair entries.** The county selects their 12 entries from **ANY** category. All arts and crafts judges meet after projects are initially judged to determine the 12 state fair exhibits from the arts & crafts department.

All state fair exhibits are denoted with a purple 'Selected for State Fair' ribbon. Please note that Grand Champions and/or Division Champions are not always selected as state fair entries.

### **HELPFUL TIPS**

1. Do your own work - don't copy others.
2. Make useful articles (beautiful and practical.)
3. Choose materials best suited to the use of the article.
4. Avoid too much decoration or unnecessary decoration.
5. Design should fit the space and seem to belong there.
6. Color is important: use it sparingly and wisely.
7. Many articles need a protective finish.
8. A note of explanation may be attached for judges use.
9. Techniques vary with individual arts and crafts - there is more than one way of performing a particular skill or talent.
10. One craft project record sheet should be filled out for each craft taken and be fastened in the members green folder.
11. Only one signature (leaders) is required on each record sheet.
12. Any picture or wall hanging must be ready for hanging with wire hangers only **DO NOT** use the saw tooth hangers.
13. The club member may enroll in a particular craft year after year, but must progress in mastering skills.
14. Use common sense and discuss your ability with your parents and 4-H leaders.

It is **required** that all posters, notebooks, and display boards 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 or a lack thereof.

# WEARABLE ART

*Attach to project - 4-H-618A-W ["4-H Craft Information Card"](#) for description of work completed on the project.*

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.

The purpose of the 4-H Wearable Art Project is to develop personal interest and natural skills in designing wearable art. The project member will learn design, layout, painting or sewing techniques, and fabric care.

The 4-H Wearable Art exhibits include but are not limited to painted T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, tennis shoes, appliqué work, puff painted articles, sequined and rhinestone articles, tie dye. Wearable art exhibits do not necessarily have to have work done on fabric.

## Project Requirements:

1. This project is divided by grade category only:  
*Beginner 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade; Intermediate 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade; Advanced 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade.*
2. Attach to project - 4-H-618A-W ["4-H Craft Information Card"](#) for description of work completed on the wearable art project which briefly describes the exhibit in terms of what techniques you used and what work you completed yourself.

**Exhibit: Exhibit one completed article or related articles that you have made. Attach a postcard or page size description describing the exhibit in terms of what techniques you used and what work you completed yourself. This project may be repeated, however, the club member should choose a more difficult project each succeeding year. A pair or set is considered on article.**

## EXAMPLE OF EXHIBITS

### *Exhibit - Stitched Garment*

Example - Cross stitch, smocking, embroidery, chicken scratch.

### *Exhibit - Appliquéd (Painted or Stitched)*

Example - Sweatshirts, shoes, jackets, pants, shirts, skirts, etc.

### *Exhibit - Jewelry*

Example - Beads, crochet, plastics, ceramics, leather, etc.

### *Miscellaneous*

Anything you have decorated to wear that doesn't fit in first three examples.

\* If exhibiting jewelry or a small article, a display may be necessary. Example: Use the back of an old picture frame that has a prop on it, cover with stuffing and a colored fabric that will compliment your article. \*