

Mini 4-H Crafts

All Divisions



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Resources and References

Delaware County Mini Arts and Crafts Manual
Franklin County Mini Crafts Manual
Kids 'Squish Book by Loris Theovin Bree and Marlin Bree

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Mini 4-H Parent's Page



Welcome to the Mini 4-H Program! Mini 4-H is designed for youth 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 throughout their year(s) in Mini 4-H and their interest in this project.

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 Program encourages "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 will certainly 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 has 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.



Mini 4-Her's Page



Welcome to Mini 4-H! You are now a member of the 4-H family. You are a special person.

Mini 4-Her's have lots of fun! There are lots of activities for you to explore. You can try new things. You can share it with your friends and family.

Mom, Dad or another adult can help you with your project. Bring your project to the 4-H Fair and lots of people will be able to see what you have done. You also get a ribbon made just for Mini 4-Her's.



Here are some things to know about 4-H.

The 4-H Symbol: A four-leaf clover with an "H" in each leaf

4-H Colors: Green and White

The 4-H Motto: To make the best, better.

The 4-H Pledge: I pledge my *Head* to clearer thinking,
my *Heart* to greater loyalty,
my *Hands* to larger service, and
my *Health* to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

Crafts Activities

You will learn to make some fun crafts by doing the activities in this book. Pick one craft you would like to make. If you have time, make more.

This project will help you learn to read directions, choose a craft, be neat, and be creative. Exhibit your finished project at the 4-H Fair.

Before you get started:

- Pick a craft you would like to make.
- Read the directions carefully.
- Make sure you have all of the needed materials.
- Ask an adult or teenager to help you.
- Remember to clean up your work area and put your supplies away when you are done.
- Enjoy making crafts.

Activity 1 - Drawing



Needed Materials:

8 1/2" X 11" Drawing Paper

Poster Board or Mat Board

Use one of the following mediums: pencil, felt tip pens, colored pencils, charcoal, water color, crayons, ink, or finger paints.

Directions:

Decide what kind of picture you want to make (house, trees, people, etc.). Select the medium you will use.

Leave at least a 1/2" – 1" plain border on all four edges of the paper. Draw your picture. When you are done, you may want to draw the same picture several times using a different medium. This will help you learn how different the mediums look.

You may want to mount your painting following the directions on page 11.

Activity 2 - Splatter Painting

Needed Materials:

- Paint – water colors, poster paint
- A clean piece of screen
- 8 ½" X 11" white paper or colored paper
- Old toothbrush
- Leaves, or other shapes, use one or more different types



Directions:

It would be best to work outside. Put on an old shirt and spread newspapers on your work area.

Put your paper on the newspapers. Arrange the leaves or shapes on your paper. Leave at least a ½" – 1" plain border on all four edges of the paper. Use just one if the leaf or other shape is big. Use more if you have small leaves or shapes. You want to see the outline of each leaf or other shape.

Dip the toothbrush in the paint. Hold 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.

When you have enough splatters, lift the leaves. You will see the leaf design on your paper.

Let your splatter painting dry before moving it.

You may want to mount your painting following the directions on page 11

Activity 3 - Craft Kits

Needed materials:

Craft Kit such as needlework, leather craft, Christmas ornament, etc. Read the kit package to see what materials you will need.

Directions:

Select a craft kit that you would like to make. Follow the kit's directions.

Activity 4 - Beaded Necklace

Needed materials:

42 colored beads, 3/8" across

10 colored beads, 3/4" across

10 colored shapes on jump rings (hearts, flowers, stars, moon, etc.) 1" to 1 1/2" in diameter

1 colored shape on a jump ring, 2" in diameter (for the center front of the necklace)

1 Yard gold elastic thread

Scissors

Clear nail polish

Thread beads and shapes on elastic as follows:

10 3/8" beads,

♥ one 3/4" bead,

one 3/8" bead,

one 1" shape,

one 3/8" bead,

Repeat four times starting at ♥

Center 2" shape and add

one 3/8" bead,

one 1" shape,

one 3/8" bead,

♥ one 3/4" bead,

one 3/8" bead,

one 1" shape,

one 3/8" bead.

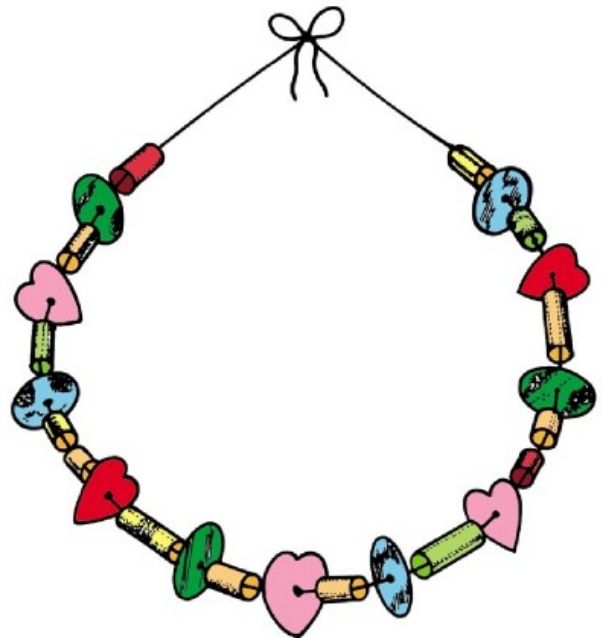
Repeat four times starting at ♥

one 3/4" bead

ten 3/8" beads

Tie ends of elastic thread together in a knot, close to the beads. Clip excess elastic. Paint cut ends with clear nail polish. This will keep it from raveling.

Clean up and put away your supplies.



Activity 5 - Decoupage

Needed Materials:

White paper or foam plate

White glue

Small paint brush, 1"-2" wide

Colorful picture(s) from magazines, greeting cards, comics, wrapping paper, etc.



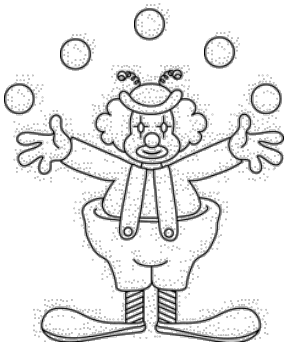
Directions:

Cut out the picture or pictures you would like to hang on your wall or give as a gift. Glue the picture or pictures in the center of the plate. Leave the edges plain, to frame your picture.

Cover the entire top of the plate and picture with glue. Let dry. Add another layer of glue and let dry.

You should have a shiny wall hanging when you are finished.

Activity 6 - Dress the Clown



Needed Materials:

Clown pattern

14" X 22" poster board

Scissors

Glue

A variety of materials such as: Paint, fabric, yarn, sequins, glitter, paper, buttons, and pipe cleaners

Directions:

Cut out the clown pattern on page 12. Glue it to the center of the poster board.

Use your imagination and the supplies you have to dress the clown. Use glue to attach the clothes.

Activity 7 - Hand Print

Needed Materials:

Plaster of Paris or clay

Tooth pick

Tempera paint

Paint brush or markers

Shellac



Directions:

Prepare plaster of Paris following package directions. Pour mixture on a plate, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup at a time. Fill it to $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the edge of the plate. Place your hand in the center of the plaster to make a hand print. Wash your hand. If you like, use a toothpick to print your name and the date in the area around your hand print. Do not move until set. Dry completely. It may take 24 hours.

When your hand print is dry, paint or spray shellac on the Plaster of Paris. Wait at least two hours. Paint your hand print and the plaster around your hand. Use the same or different colors. Let dry before moving.

You may want to try making prints of other things.

Activity 8 - Gift Bag

Needed Materials:

Plain paper sack

Scissors

Pencil

Glue

A variety of material such as fabric, colored paper, ribbon, raffia, markers, rubber stamps and ink, etc.



Directions:

Make sure the sack is flat. Trace or draw a design on the sack. The design could be a birthday cake, a present, an animal, a star, or whatever you decide.

Decorate the design with the materials you have.

Activity 9 - Seed Picture

Needed Materials:

8 ½" x 11" cardboard

Pencil

Pattern for picture

White glue

Toothpick

A variety of seeds: i.e. corn, beans, rice, peas, sunflower, pumpkin, watermelon, cantaloupe, and tomato.



Directions:

Trace or draw a picture. Try something simple like a star, moon, flower, or tree. Leave at least a ½" – 1" plain border on all four edges of the paper.

Decide where you will put the different seeds.

Spread glue on part of the picture. Stick seeds on the glue. Use a toothpick to place the seeds where you want them. Continue until the entire picture is covered with seeds. Let dry before moving.

You may want to mat your painting following the directions on page 11.

Activity 10 - Your Creative Craft

Directions:

Do you want to learn how to make something really different? Then be creative and do your own craft.



What to Exhibit



Here is a list of projects that can be shown at the 4-H Fair. Pick *one* of the projects you would like to exhibit at the fair this year. You do not need to make the projects in any special order. If you have any questions about your projects, please call your leader or the County Extension Office.

- Splatter Painting
- Beaded Necklace
- Decoupage
- Hand Print
- Drawing
- Craft Kit
- Dress the Clown
- Seed Picture
- Gift Bag
- Your Creative Craft

Good Luck and Have Fun!

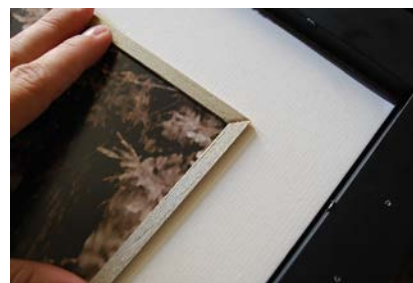
Mounting Your Pictures

Needed Materials:

Spray Glue or double-sided tape

Scissors

Poster Board



Directions:

An adult or teenager can help you cut the poster board. Cut a piece of poster board at least 2" wider and taller than the picture. An 8½" X 11" picture should be mounted on a 10½" X 13" piece of poster board. Use spray glue (use outside and spray the back of the picture) or small pieces of double stick tape. Attach the picture to the center of the poster board.

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