

Arts and Crafts

State Fair Project

Check with your County Extension Office for your county's specific project offerings and requirements. Up to 12 Arts and Crafts exhibits from the Marion County Fair can be advanced to the State Fair as follows:

Up to two exhibits from Fine Arts, two exhibits from Needle Craft, two exhibits from Model Craft, and up to six exhibits from Any Other Crafts.

Requirements for All Classes and Exhibits at the Marion County Fair:

1. Exhibit
2. [4-H Craft Record Sheet 618a-W](#)
3. Attach to each project the **4-H 618a-W 4-H Craft Information Card** that is located at: [State Project Site for Arts and Crafts](#) This information card is for ALL Arts and Craft exhibits even if it is not listed under the project.

For all exhibits: Level 1: Gr. 3-5 Level 2: Gr. 6-8 Level 3: Gr. 9 and up
Classes: Level 1 - Level 2 - Level 3

Fine Arts

There are up to two State Fair entries selected from all Fine Arts exhibits at the County Fair: Oil, charcoal, pastels, pencil, ink, acrylic or watercolor--on canvas, canvas board, or paper - framed as a picture - prepared for hanging. All drawing and painting exhibits **must be** framed and ready to hang (example: hook with wire). This includes all divisions: Levels 1, 2, 3. Although it is recommended, it is not required for an exhibit to be "signed" by exhibitor. The artist's signature (or lack thereof) will not be a part of exhibit judging. Attach to the exhibit the new 4-H 618a-W Craft Information Card.

Please Note - Due to State Fair requirements, the type and quality of framing will not be considered until judged for Champion and State Fair entry. 4-Hers who will be grades 3-12 may enter **one exhibit** in each of the following categories:

Exhibit categories:

Drawing - Exhibit one drawing using pencil, charcoal, ink, crayon, chalk, pastel or marker.

Painting - Exhibit one painting using oil, watercolor, tempera, and acrylic. **Note:** Painting by number is not acceptable.

Miscellaneous Fine Art - Exhibit one item. This project is for pictures that do not fall into the painting or drawing categories. Good examples are: spatter or sprayed work, airbrush, batik, cut paper, hand drawn or painted collage, silkscreen, calligraphy, structural art, etc. Miscellaneous Fine Arts **should not** include: stained glass, sun catchers, painted plastic, homemade paper, spin art, magazine picture collage, sequin pictures, painted fabric, stitchery, and etching (any type). This type of exhibit should be entered in miscellaneous craft. **Note:** Paint-by-number is **not** acceptable.

Computer generated graphics/art - Exhibit one item for all computer generated art – **not** digital photography.

Model Craft

There are up to two State Fair entries selected from all models at the County Fair. These may be from any division (Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3). 4-Hers may enter in a maximum of **two different classes**. Exhibits must be on a display base and covered. Attach to the exhibit the new 4-H 618a-W Craft Information Card.

All models must be assembled using model glue or model cement. (Small-scale replica (**no die casts**) Lego built models go in Any Other Craft.

Suggestion: Place model on piece of heavy cardboard a little larger than the model in all directions. Stretch clear plastic wrap over the model and tape to bottom of cardboard. The judge will remove the plastic wrap during judging. There is no guarantee that the same wrap will be used to re-cover your exhibit. However, exhibits will be re-covered. Another good display method is the use of a clear hard plastic shoebox. Please list your division and section on your nametag. **Display/project size limit is 3' x 3'.**

Level 1

Classes

Section A: Painted Models: the exterior of the model must be painted; the interior is optional.

Section B: Unpainted Models Using Pre-Colored Plastic Parts: Trim or decorative painting is optional.

Section C: Theme Category: A theme scene with model or models - Single models only with scene needs to be exhibited in Section B

Level 2

Classes

Section A: Individual Models Painted: the exterior of the model must be painted - the interior is optional.

Section B: Individual Models Unpainted.

Section C: Theme Category: A theme scene with model or models - Single models only with no scene need to be exhibited in Section A or B.

Level 3: All parts must be painted, including interior, exterior, frame, engine, differential, etc.

Classes

Section A: Individual Models: single models with no scenes only.

Section B: Theme Category: A theme scene with model or models. Single models with no scene need to be exhibited in Section A.

Needle Craft

There are up to two State Fair entries selected from all Needle Craft exhibits at the County Fair. (Hand work) Knitting, embroidery, crocheting, needlepoint, crewel, candle wicking, chicken scratching, hand quilting, tatting, huck embroidery, hemstitching; also pulled, drawn and counted thread work and punch needle work. Does not include latch hook, plastic canvas, machine knitting or machine quilting. As with all other Arts and Crafts Projects, attach to the exhibit the new 4-H 618a-W Craft Information Card.

Handwork only - no machine work or hand machine is allowed. Attach to the project a postcard or page size description on work completed on the project also stating the number of years you have worked in the specific craft. Article must be clean and ready for use.

Exhibit is judged as a total finished product. Two State Fair entries are selected from all (Level 1 and above) in the needlecraft categories, not from each division.

Exhibit Categories:

- Cross-stitch
- Knitting
- Crocheting
- Hand-stitched quilting, (chicken scratching, tatting, huckweaving, hemstitching, pulled drawn/counted thread work, and punch needlework, etc.)
- Plastic canvas
- Embroidery
- Needlepoint

Weaving using a crochet hook, shuttle or other tool is not Needlecraft and should be entered in Miscellaneous Craft.

You may exhibit **five** articles in this project from the seven-needlecraft categories, however, **no more than one** article per category.

Any Other Craft

There are up to six State Fair entries selected from the Any Other Craft division at the County Fair. May not include any crafts included in the three classes listed above. Any Other Craft can include: Ceramics, Gift Wrapping, Latch Hook,

Leather Craft, Lego, Macramé, Miscellaneous Crafts, Pottery, Recycled Craft, Seasonal Decorations, Wearable Arts and Woodcrafts. Attach to the exhibit the new 4-H 618a-W Craft Information Card.

Ceramics: Items **must be** kiln fired to be exhibited. Items that have been fired before purchase (plaster craft) are to be entered in Miscellaneous Crafts, **not** Ceramics. It is recommended to place protective felt on the bottom of your finished piece. Attach to the exhibit the new 4-H 618a-W Craft Information Card.

Please note:

1. Many schools/classes call wheel thrown & hand built pieces “ceramics”, **but** in 4-H this is called Pottery.
2. Ceramics pertains to pieces that have been “poured”, cleaned, fired and painted.
3. As ceramics involve a multi-step process — any piece already cleaned and fired (bisque-ware) is not eligible for this category. Cleaning seams on green ware is an important step in ceramics. If painting on a cleaned and/or fired piece, it should be entered into Miscellaneous Crafts.

Exhibit Requirements

Level 1: Exhibit a simple piece of bisque or pre-fired ceramic piece. Apply one or more colors of basic stain or glaze.

Level 2: Exhibit an item of bisque or pre-fired ceramic piece. Apply two or more colors of basic stain or glaze.

Level 3: Exhibit an item of bisque or pre-fired ceramic piece. This article or group of articles should show more advanced techniques.

Gift Wrapping: Package for exhibit should NOT contain a gift. An exhibit card and gift-wrapping information card must be attached to the package. Also attach to the exhibit the new 4-H 618a-W Craft Information Card.

Level 1: Exhibit one of the following:

- A rectangular package (like a “shirt box”, for example)
- A cube shaped package (measuring 6"x6"x6" or larger)
- A small box suitable for a ring or pin.

Use commercial wrapping paper and a self-made bow.

Level 2: Exhibit one of the following:

- A cylindrical package
- A package wrapped for shipping that meets current U. S. Postal Service regulations. The inside package should be wrapped in gift-wrap. **Note:** The box will be opened to check positioning and cushioning of inside package.)
- A package with top and bottom of box/ container wrapped separately

May use commercial or self-made paper or fabric. and self-made bows or decorations.

Level 3: Grade 9 & up - Exhibit one of the following:

- A series of two or three packages in a tiered effect wrapped as one complete package. For example: 3 stacked cylinders, 2 rectangular boxes, 1 box and 2 cylinders, etc. Use self-made bows or decorations and commercial wrapping paper.
- One package wrapped in materials other than wrapping paper; for example: dish towel, scarf, baby blanket, etc.
- One wrapped gift which is not wrapped in a box; for example, an umbrella, a bat, a broom, a jar of preserves, oversized items, etc.
- One package wrapped only in self-made paper and decorations.
- Experiment with theme design. Use 2 or more packages to carry out the design theme. (Example a train, etc.)

Latch Hook: Article needs to be finished or bound as a pillow, wall hanging, rug, and ready for use. Attach to the exhibit the new 4-H 618a-W Craft Information Card.

Level 1: One article.

Level 2: One article or a set of coordinating articles more difficult than the one exhibited in Level 1.

Level 3: One article or a set of coordinating articles more difficult than one exhibited in the Level 2.

For ideas with degree of difficulty, please review the county 4-H Latch Hook manual.

Leather Craft: Article must be ready to use. Attach to the exhibit the new 4-H 618a-W Craft Information Card.

General suggestions: Suede type leather is not suitable for being stamped or carved. Articles made of rough, unfinished suede-type leather (i.e. tepees kits) should be entered in Miscellaneous Crafts.

Exhibit Requirements

Level 1: One leather article with a simple design you have stamped. Apply brown or black dye or appropriate finish. Exhibit should show use of two or three designs.

Level 2: One article or a set of coordinating articles more difficult than the one exhibited in Level 1. Apply appropriate finish.

Level 3: One article or a set of coordinating articles more difficult than one exhibited in the Level 2. Apply appropriate finish.

Lego: See project requirements found in Express Yourself Section.

Macramé:

Exhibit Requirements

Level 1: One article.

Level 2: One article using at least 2 different knots.

Level 3: One article having at least 3 different knots.

Miscellaneous Crafts: Miscellaneous crafts are items made /decorated by hand. If a craft item fits the description of another project, it is **NOT** eligible for Miscellaneous Crafts. (**Example:** Drawings belong in Fine Arts and painted /decorated wooden projects belong in Woodcraft). Attach to the exhibit the new 4-H 618a-W Craft Information Card.

4-Hers will exhibit in Miscellaneous Crafts according to age in categories of Levels 1, 2 and 3. Miscellaneous Crafts may be crafts such as: enameling, candle making, felt craft, rock craft, weaving, stenciling, origami, reed craft, string art, metal etching, engraving, scrapbooking, plaster craft, handmade jewelry, paint by number, weaving, woven lawn chairs, etc.

You may enter up to **three craft** items in Miscellaneous Crafts in **different media and techniques**. On your label indicate the number of years you have worked in the specific craft.

Caution: Exhibits in the Miscellaneous Crafts category must be a craft that is created by the 4-H member. **Legos, K'nex or other pre-made toys are not crafts and will not be accepted in this category. Item/Exhibit must be ready to use.**

Pottery: 4-Hers may submit up to one exhibit in each Pottery category. Attach to the exhibit the new 4-H 618a-W Craft Information Card. Items must be fired in kiln before exhibited. Non-fired items will not be judged and will receive a participation ribbon. Please note that many schools/classes call wheel thrown & hand built pieces "ceramics", but in 4-H this is called Pottery.

Categories and Exhibit Requirements

Hand Molded - Example: slab work, coil work, pinch pot

Level 1 and Level 2: One hand molded article from moist clay with appropriate finish.

Level 3: One hand molded article or set of articles with appropriate finish.

Wheel Thrown (using a pottery wheel)

Level 1 and Level 2: One wheel thrown article from moist clay with appropriate finish.

Level 3: One wheel thrown article or set of articles, with appropriate finish.

Recycled Crafts: A 4-H member may enter only one recycled craft exhibit. Attach to the exhibit the new 4-H 618a-W Craft Information Card.

Exhibit an item made with at least one (1) recycled object (i.e. a craft item that is being used differently than its original purpose). Examples of recycled crafts (but not limited to): pop bottle bird feeders, pop can hats, luminaries, license plate bird feeders, silverware jewelry, etc. — **Be Creative!!** Although not required, items that have been used previously will be given credit for their use (as compared to items specifically purchased for exhibit piece).

Seasonal Decorations: A 4-H member may enter only one Seasonal Decoration exhibit. Seasonal decorations are a way of using your creative talents and imagination for celebratory occasions: patriotic days, religious celebrations, public occasions, home festivities, and other seasonal celebrations. Anniversaries, weddings, baby showers, and birthdays would not be included in this project.

Each decoration will be judged on its own merit, taking into consideration neatness and construction. Fair exhibit must have a Seasonal Decoration record sheet attached to the project with the holiday or occasion identified. Exhibits must be ready for use and non-perishable. Attach to the exhibit the new 4-H 618a-W Craft Information Card.

Additional guidelines: various items that can be created:

Wreaths: the wreath may be made from any suitable material (such as Styrofoam, straw, grape-vine, etc.) Must be ready to hang and decorated for the holiday or occasion.

Baskets: basket may be purchased or hand-made. The basket can be made of any material and decorated for the holiday or occasion.

Table Decoration: This would be anything you would put on a table or shelf. Not limited to one article, but must be a related group/setting of items.

Centerpiece: This is a decorated item that would be placed in the center of a table. Must be decorated and finished on all sides. (Arrangements using silk and/or dried flowers are allowed in this project, as long as exhibit guidelines are followed.)

Exhibit requirements:

Level 1: The project **must be** decorated for any occasion or holiday that occurs between January 1 - April 30.

Level 2: The project **must be** decorated for any occasion or holiday that occurs between May 1 - August 31.

Level 3: The project **must be** decorated for any occasion or holiday that occurs between September 1 – December 31.

Wearable Arts: Wearable art exhibits include but are not limited to: painted T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, tennis shoes, appliqué work, puff painted articles, sequined /rhinestone articles, and tie-dye. Wearable art exhibits do not necessarily have to be work done on fabric; however, jewelry should be exhibited in Miscellaneous Crafts. Attach to the exhibit the new 4-H 618a-W Craft Information Card.

Also, the Wearable Art scorecard/record sheet must be attached to the exhibit.

4-H members enrolled in the Wearable Arts project are encouraged to participate in the [Marion County Fashion Revue](#) (please see the **4-H EVENTS AT THE COUNTY FAIR** section of the **4-H MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES** to learn more).

Woodcrafts: The Woodcraft project is designed to help 4-Hers learn and practice a variety of wood finishing techniques. If the 4-H member is interested in developing wood construction skills, the member should enroll in 4-H Woodworking. **Item must be ready for use.** Attach to the exhibit the new 4-H 618a-W Craft Information Card.

Exhibit Requirements

Level 1: One small unfinished article of wood to which a finish has been applied. Examples of articles: box, picture frame, cut-out puzzle, candle-holders, etc. Degree of difficulty **should be increased** as 4-H member advances through the divisions.

Level 2: One small-unfinished article of wood to which a finish has been applied. Examples of articles: box, picture frame, cut-out puzzle, candleholders, etc. with a design applied with paint, watercolors, chip carving, colored pencils or wood

burning. An appropriate finish is to be applied. Degree of difficulty **should be increased** as 4-H member advances through the divisions.

Level 3: One unfinished article of wood to which a finish has been applied. Examples of articles: box, picture frame, cut-out puzzle, candleholders, etc. using one of the above skills or inlay, gouging, carving, wood chipping or wood burning. Degree of difficulty **should be increased** as 4-H member advances through the divisions.

References:

[Finishing Touches](#)

[4-H Craft Record Sheet](#) 

[Arts and Crafts: Crafts Scorecard](#) 

[Arts and Crafts: Needlecraft Scorecard](#) 

[Arts & Crafts: Fine Arts Scorecard](#) 

[Arts & Crafts: Models Scorecard](#) 

[Craft Information Card](#) (Record Sheet)

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