

Indiana 4-H Woodworking Tools, Skills and Techniques

Youth and their mentor/volunteer leader/instructor should use this chart as a guide when deciding appropriate tools and skills to use and incorporate in a woodworking exhibit. While this list is a guide, it is not meant to be an all-inclusive list and youth should demonstrate skills they are most comfortable mastering with tools used. For example, some youth in level 2 might feel comfortable attempting level 3 tools/skills, but it is unlikely that a level 1 exhibitor will be able to successfully master the level 4 tools/skills. Youth are encouraged to utilize a number of resources such as web sites, print material, social media, and television shows when learning woodworking skills. Skills learned from these types of resources may be demonstrated provided they are age/grade appropriate.

The "X" indicates suggested level to learn respective skill. Exhibits must include a minimum of 5 techniques from their level indicated in the chart below but may include additional techniques from other levels as deemed appropriate, but nevertheless will be evaluated for quality. For example, Level 3 exhibitors may use any techniques found in Level 1 or Level 2 but the exhibit must include a minimum of 5 Level 3 techniques. Level 4 may use any techniques found in the lower three levels but must have a minimum of 5 Level 4 techniques.

SKILL	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
SAFETY (Required of all levels and not counted as a Skill or Technique)				
Ear Protection	X	X	X	X
Eye Protection	X	X	X	X
Shop Organization	X	X	X	X
Machine Guards	X	X	X	X
LAYOUT				
Ruler	X			
Tape Measure	X			
Square	X			
COMMON TOOLS				
Hammer	X			
Handsaw	X			
Coping Saw	X			
Scroll Saw	X			
Screw Driver	X			
Wood Chisel	X			
Pliers	X			
Hand Plane		X		
POWER TOOLS				
Band Saw	X			
Table Saw		X		
Electric Drill		X		
Radial Arm Saw			X	
Circular Saw			X	
Planner				X
Lathe				X
Jointer				X
Miter Saw				X

MATERIAL SELECTION				
Wood	X			
Wood Products	X			
Plywood	X			
Fiberboard	X			
JOINTS				
Lap Joint	X			
Butt Joints	X			
Basket Joints		X		
Doweled Joints		X		
Mortise and Tenon Joints			X	
Dado Joints			X	
Miter Joint				X
Dovetail Joints				X
TABLE ROUTING				
Bevels			X	
Dadoing			X	
Rabbeting			X	
Planning				X
Jointing				X
FASTENERS				
Screws	X			
Nails	X			
Bolting	X			
Gluing	X			
Pocket Hole Fasteners		X		
Brad Nailer				X
FINISHING				
Sanding	X			
Penetrating Finish	X			
Painting	X			
Varnishing		X		
Spraying				X
FREEHAND ROUTING				
Bevels			X	
Dadoing			X	
Rabbeting			X	
Planning				X
Jointing				X