

# 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)\* on canvas, canvas board, or paper - framed as a picture - prepared for hanging. Canvas art on a wooden frame is considered prepared for hanging provided that frame has a hanger (See Fine Arts for hanging requirements.)
- 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) ) Knitting, embroidery, crocheting, needlepoint, crewel, candlewicking, chicken scratching, hand quilting, tating, huck embroidery, hemstitching; also pulled, drawn and counted thread work and punch needle work. Does not include latch hook, plastic canvas, machine knitting, machine quilting, or arm knitting/crocheting.
- Miscellaneous Needlecraft

### **Model Crafts**

Exhibits must be a small scale replica and meet the following criteria:

- Must be of injected styrene plastics
- At least 25% of the exhibit must be painted
- Wood, paper, clay, die-cast, or snap together models are not permitted
- Screws are not permitted
- Pre-painted or pre-decaled factory models are not permitted
- If the model is being built from a kit, include a copy of the instructions with the craft information card.
- Legos are not considered models and are to be exhibited as Any Other Craft for state fair.

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

All Other Basic Crafts	Ceramics/Greenware	Fairy Garden
Farm Scene		Latchhook
Lego/Construction Toys	Soft Dolls & Toys	Wearable Arts

- These projects are 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 member's 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.

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