

## POSTER RULES

***If any part of your exhibit is on a poster, it must follow these rules.***

1. Project **posters** must be mounted on plywood (no thicker than ¼”), heavy cardboard, Styrofoam, paneling, or other stiff backing, to add stiffness for exhibiting, and must be covered with clear plastic to protect the exhibit - **NO food plastic wrap**. The backing should be the same size as the poster. Note: Geology posters should be left uncovered until judging is over, at which time they must be covered.
2. Each poster must be mounted horizontally. Exception: Salon Prints  
Right way                                  wrong way

No matter how nice the poster looks, if it is not 22” x 28”, and displayed *horizontally* and covered in plastic, it will be marked down a ribbon grade. (Be careful with the ‘foam boards.’ Often, they are not the correct size. The Extension Office has both foam boards and poster sleeves for sale.)

3. Any poster color is acceptable except where specified in project manual.
4. **Posters must be labeled in the front, lower right hand corner, within a 3” x 2” area.**
5. ALL POSTERS NOT FOLLOWING CORRECT POSTER RULES WILL BE MARKED DOWN A RIBBON GRADE.
6. 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 professional 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.