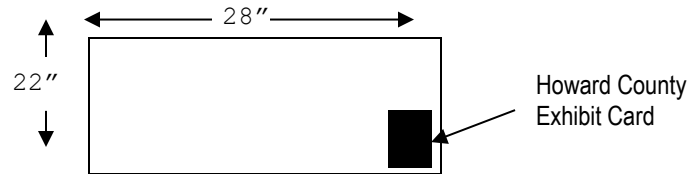


# 4-H POSTER & NOTEBOOK REQUIREMENTS

1. Each exhibit must have a **Howard County Exhibit Card**. Space should be left in the lower right-hand corner to place an exhibit card provided by Purdue Extension staff.
2. Posters are to be 22" x 28" and displayed horizontally with a stiff backing, and placed in a clear plastic sleeve or covered with clear plastic to protect contents.



3. Any material may be used for posters such as poster board, canvas, or any similar material that is appropriate for project.
4. The stiff backing required may be plywood, heavy corrugated cardboard, or foam core board.
5. All poster exhibits must be covered with plastic or transparent material (no plastic food wrap) unless noted otherwise under project rules. All other projects are optional.
6. All posters, notebooks, and display boards must 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 website 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 be included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the way references are listed.

**\*\*\* If the above requirements are not met, the exhibit will be dropped one ribbon at time of judging.**

## Suggestions

A good poster:

- attracts attention
- is simple and clear

When forming ideas for your poster:

- know the project requirements
- read the manual to look for ideas
- brainstorm ideas and make a list
- think of title with alliteration (repeating a sound in words)
- look at other posters for ideas but don't copy

Tips to remember:

- don't use too many words
- use a combination of illustrations and words
- be neat
- cut evenly, apply adhesive carefully, blend colors when using crayons or colored pencils
- leave white space on the poster
- make sure the poster is balanced

Foam core boards, clear plastic poster sleeves, and photography salon sleeves are available for purchase at the Howard County Extension Office.