



Soft Dolls & Toys

Description:

Allows youth to learn life skills and grow in project knowledge while expressing creativity in a variety of mediums.

Decatur County Expectations

Project manuals will need to be presented at the time of judging. Green books can be utilized to hold record sheets and project manuals. The office will provide you with the 4-H Craft Information Card that is referenced below.

Exhibit Guidelines

Youth may exhibit any art or craft that does not meet exhibit requirements in Fine Arts, Needle Craft, Model Craft or Construction and Architectural Replica.

Exhibitors should be considerate of space. Exhibits too large to safely move or requiring lots of space should be exhibited using photographs and a description of work in a notebook.

All arts and craft exhibits must include a 4-H Craft Information Card, 4-H 618A. This information card is to describe work completed so the judge can more accurately evaluate the exhibit. Craft information cards are for judging purposes only and will not be returned to the exhibitor.

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.

This project is to include such things as stuffed animals and soft sculptured dolls. It does not include things as pillows, wall hangings or other crafts that are filled or the surface raised by stuffing with a filling material.

Judges evaluating exhibits should recognize individual differences and creativity, therefore using information in this document as a guide rather than a requirement.

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

Beginner (grades 3-5 suggested)

Youth will exhibit one simple stuffed toy or doll that they have made.

Project requirements: learn what commercial patterns are available to use in making a toy or doll. Choose one or more simple pattern to use in making a toy or doll. Select one of the items you have made to exhibit. Complete the record sheet.

Intermediate (grades 6-8 suggested)

Youth will exhibit one stuffed toy or doll that they have made.

Project requirements: learn how to enlarge or decrease a pattern to make a toy larger or smaller. Choose a more difficult pattern to use in making a toy or doll. Learn how to use different fabrics to change the appearance of the toys that you make. Select one of the items you have made to exhibit. Complete the record sheet.

Advanced (grades 9-12 suggested)

Youth will exhibit one stuffed toy or doll that they have made.

Project requirements: continue to use new patterns and designs. Experiment by changing patterns to customize the toys that you make. Try your hand at making puppets or marionettes. Develop a new interest each year. Select one of the items you made to exhibit. Complete the record sheet.