

# Mini 4-H Crafts



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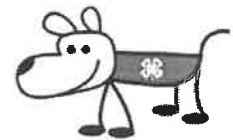
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Welcome to the **Mini 4-H** Program! **Mini 4-H** is designed for youth, age Kindergarten to 2nd grade, to explore a variety of project areas.

As a **Mini 4-H** parent, your job will be to guide and encourage your child through the activities. Help them, guide them, work with them, and let them do all that they possibly can. The 4-H motto is “**learn by doing**” and is the best educational tool that we can provide for youth. At this age the *PROCESS* of learning is more important than the *PRODUCT*.

The **Mini 4-H** program is set up to allow your child to exhibit a project at the 4-H Fair. This is non-competitive, with ALL participants receiving a **Mini 4-H** blue ribbon.



The 4-H Fair is an exciting time for 4-H members and families. It is a week in the summer that allows community youth to showcase their talents, interests, and enthusiasm for learning. We’re excited to see your family there and invite you to take part in the events throughout the week.

If you have any questions regarding **Mini 4-H** or other 4-H programs, please feel free to contact the Floyd County Extension Office, (812) 948-5470.



**Mini 4-H** is fun!

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# \* Crafts Activities \*

You will learn to make some neat crafts by doing the activities in this book. Pick one craft you would like to make. If you have time, make more.

This project will help you learn to read directions, choose a craft, be neat, and be creative. Exhibit your finished project at the 4-H Fair.

Before you get started:

- ★ Pick a craft you would like to make.
- ★ Read the directions carefully.
- ★ Make sure you have all of the needed materials.
- ★ Ask an adult or teenager to help you.
- ★ Remember to clean up your work area and put your supplies away when you are done.
- ★ Enjoy making crafts.

## Splatter Painting

Needed Materials:

- ! Paint - water colors, poster paint
- ! A clean piece of screen
- ! 8 1/2" X 11" white paper or colored paper
- ! Old toothbrush
- ! Leaves, or other shapes, use one or more different types

Directions:

It would be best to work outside. Put on a paint shirt and spread newspapers on your work area.

Put your paper on the newspapers. Arrange the leaves or shapes on your paper. Leave at least a 1/2" - 1" plain border on all four edges of the paper. Use just one if the leaf or shape is big. Use more if you have small leaves. You want to see the outline of each leaf.

Dip the toothbrush in the paint. Hold the screen an inch or two above the paper. Rub



the toothbrush carefully over the top of the screen. Your paper should be covered with splatters of paint.

When you have enough splatters, lift the leaves. You will see the leaf design on your paper.

Let your splatter painting dry before moving it.

Clean your supplies and work area. Put all supplies away.

You may want to mount your painting following the directions on page 9.

## Beaded Necklace

Needed materials:

- 42 colored beads, 3/8" across
- 10 colored beads, 3/4" across
- 10 colored shapes on jump rings  
(hearts, flowers, stars, moon, etc.)  
1" to 1 1/2" in diameter
- 1 colored shape on a jump ring, 2" in  
diameter (for the center front of  
the necklace)
- 1 yard gold elastic thread
- Scissors
- Clear nail polish

Thread beads and shapes on elastic as follows:

10 3/8" beads,  
♥ one 3/4" bead,  
one 3/8" bead,  
one 1" shape,  
one 3/8" bead.  
Repeat four times starting at ♥.

Center 2" shape and add  
one 3/8" bead,  
one 1" shape,  
one 3/8" bead,

♥ one 3/4" bead,  
one 3/8" bead,  
one 1" shape,  
one 3/8" bead.  
Repeat four times starting at ♥.  
one 3/4" bead  
ten 3/8" beads

Tie ends of elastic thread together in a knot, close to the beads. Clip excess elastic. Paint cut ends with clear nail polish. This will keep it from unraveling.

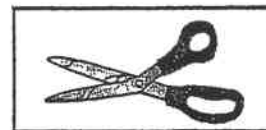
Clean up and put away your supplies.

## Decoupage

Needed Materials:

- \* White paper or foam plate
- \* White glue
- \* Small paint brush, 1" - 2" wide
- \* Colorful picture(s) from magazines, greeting cards, comics, wrapping paper, etc.

Directions:



Cut out the picture or pictures you want to use. Choose a picture you would like to hang on your wall or give as a gift. Glue the picture or pictures in the center of the plate. Leave the edges plain, to frame your picture.

Cover the entire top of the plate and picture with glue. Let dry. Add another layer of glue and let dry.

You should have a shiny wall hanging when you are finished.

You may want to mat your painting following the directions at the end of the project manual.

Clean up your work area and put your supplies away.

## Hand Print

### Needed Materials:

- ✓ Plaster of Paris or clay
- ✓ Tooth pick
- ✓ Tempera paint and
- ✓ paint brush or markers
- ✓ Shellac



### Directions:

Prepare plaster of Paris following package directions. Pour mixture in a plate 1/4 at a time. Fill it to 1/2" from the edge of the plate. Place your hand in the center of the plaster to make a hand print. Wash your hand. If you like, use a toothpick to print your name and the date in the area around your hand print. Do not move until set. Dry completely. It may take 24 hours.

When your hand print is dry, paint or spray shellac the Plaster of Paris. Wait at least two hours. Paint your hand print and the plaster around your hand. Use the same or different colors. Let dry before moving.

You may want to try making prints of other things.

Clean up your work area and put your supplies away.

## Craft Kits

### Needed materials:

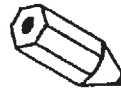
- \* Craft Kit such as needlework, leather craft, Christmas ornament, etc.

- \* Read the kit package to see what materials you will need.

### Directions:

Select a craft kit that you would like to make. Follow the kit's directions.

## Drawing



### Needed Materials:

- \* 8 1/2" X 11" Drawing paper
- \* Poster Board or Mat Board
- \* Use one of the following mediums: pencil, felt tip pens, colored pencils, charcoal, water color, crayons, ink, or finger paints.

### Directions:

Decide what kind of picture you want to make (house, trees, people, etc.). Select the medium you will use.

Leave at least a 1/2" - 1" plain border on all four edges of the paper. Draw your picture. When you are done, you may want to draw the same picture several times using a different medium. This will help you learn how different the mediums look.

You may want to mount your painting following the directions on page 9.



## Dress the Clown

### Needed Materials:

- ✖ Clown pattern
- ✖ 14" X 22" poster board
- ✖ Scissors
- ✖ Glue
- ✖ A variety of materials such as:  
paint, fabric, yarn, sequins, glitter,  
paper, buttons, and pipe cleaners

### Directions:

Cut out the clown pattern on page 8. Glue it to the center of poster board.

Use your imagination and the supplies you have to dress the clown. Use glue to attach the clothes.

Clean up your work area and put your supplies away when you are finished.

## Seed Picture

### Needed Materials:

- ▶ 8 1/2" X 11" cardboard
- ▶ pencil
- ▶ pattern for picture
- ▶ a variety of seeds i.e. corn, beans, rice, peas, sunflower, pumpkin, watermelon, cantaloupe, and tomato
- ▶ white glue
- ▶ toothpick

### Directions:

Trace or draw a picture. Try something simple like a star, moon, flower, or tree. Leave at least a 1/2" - 1" plain border on all four edges of the paper.

Decide where you will put the different seeds. Spread glue on part of the picture. Stick seeds on the glue. Use a toothpick to place the seeds where you want them. Continue until the entire picture is covered with seeds. Let dry before moving.

You may want to mat your painting following the directions on page 9.

Clean up and put away your supplies.

## Gift Bag

### Needed Materials:

- ✦ Plain paper sack
- ✦ Pencil
- ✦ A variety of material such as fabric, colored paper, ribbon, raffia, markers, rubber stamps and ink, etc.
- ✦ Scissors
- ✦ Glue

### Directions:

Make sure the sack is flat. Trace or draw a design on the sack. The design could be a birthday cake, a present, an animal, a star, or whatever you decide.

Decorate the design with the material you have.

# Your Creative Craft

## Directions:

Do you want to learn how to make something really different? Then be creative and do your own craft.



# Mounting Your Pictures

## Needed Materials:

- ! Spray Glue or Double stick tape
- ! Scissors
- ! Poster Board

## Directions:

An adult or teenager can help you cut the poster board. Cut a piece of poster board at least 2" wider and taller than the picture. An 8 1/2" X 11" picture should be mounted on a 10 1/2" X 13" piece of poster board.

Use spray glue (use outside and spray the back of the picture) or small pieces of double stick tape. Attach the picture to the center of the poster board.



# 4-H Fair Exhibit

Listed below are projects you can exhibit at the 4-H Fair. Choose one project each year from the list and bring it to 4-H Fair judging. Check the fair book for the date and time it is due. The fair book may also list special exhibit rules.

If you have any questions about your projects, please call your 4-H leader or the Extension Office.

- ◆ Splatter Painting
- ◆ Beaded Necklace
- ◆ Decoupage
- ◆ Hand Print
- ◆ Drawing
- ◆ Craft Kit
- ◆ Dress the Clown
- ◆ Seed Picture
- ◆ Gift Bag
- ◆ Your Creative Craft

*Good Luck at the 4-H Fair!*

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You may increase the size if you wish.

