



Project Title: Cupcake Decorating

Description:

The cupcake decorating project allows youth to utilize their artistic ability and expression as they learn decorating techniques and skills. Anyone wanting to learn baking skills should refer to the 4-H foods project.

Exhibit Guidelines:

The cupcake decorating project provides skills-based educational experiences that provide an opportunity for mastery before building on that experience to develop more advanced skills. This subject area is divided into three levels: Beginner (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), and Advanced (Grades 9-12). While the defined grades are intended to be a guide, older youth enrolled in this subject for the first time may start in a lower grade skill level with permission by the county extension educator, followed by an appropriate level the following year.

Skills and techniques demonstrated should be age/grade appropriate. Unless otherwise stated, cupcakes are to be iced using royal icing or buttercream. Buttercream icing will not withstand environmental conditions and may become soft, melt, not withhold its shape, and colors may bleed when being displayed an extended period of time.

Please include a completed [Indiana 4-H Cake Decorating Skills and Techniques, 4-H 710A sheet](#). Skills and techniques demonstrated should be age/grade appropriate. While it is not to say a beginner level member cannot master an advanced level skill, it would be rare and unique.

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)

6 decorated cupcakes should be displayed. Cupcakes should be decorated in a theme. Cupcakes must be displayed in a single layer, on a solid display board. The display board must be neatly covered and well taped or otherwise attached underneath. Display may not exceed 12" x 12" or should be conscious of space. Please fill out [the Indiana 4-H Cake Decorating Skills and Techniques, 4-H 710A sheet](#) for the judges information.

Intermediate (grades 6-8 suggested)

6-12 decorated cupcakes should be displayed. Cupcakes should be decorated in a theme. Display should not exceed 18' x 18' x 12' and should be displayed on a solid board. The display board must be

neatly covered and well taped or otherwise attached underneath. Please fill out the Indiana 4-H Cake Decorating Skills and Techniques, 4-H 710A sheet for the judges information.

Advanced (grades 9-12 suggested)

12- 24 decorated cupcakes should be displayed. Cupcakes should be decorated in a theme. Display should not exceed 24' x 24' x 18' and should be displayed on a solid board. The display board must be neatly covered and well taped or otherwise attached underneath. Please fill out the Indiana 4-H Cake Decorating Skills and Techniques, 4-H 710A sheet for the judges information.