

Mini 4-H Collections

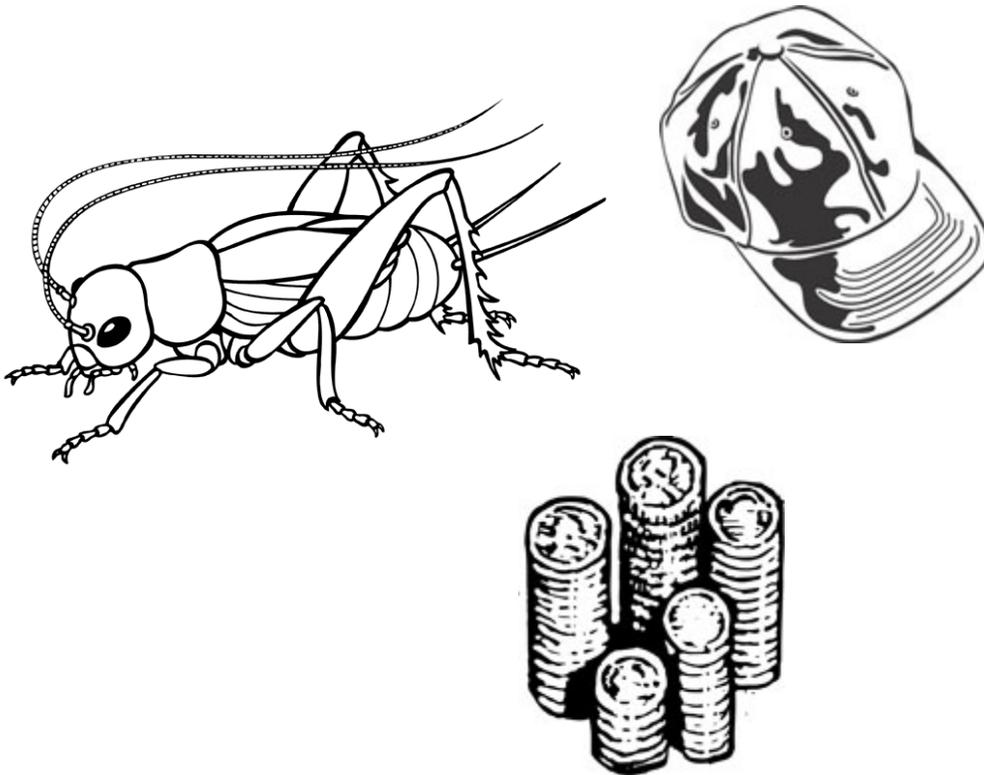


Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades

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Dear Parent:

As a Mini 4-H parent, your job will be to guide and encourage your child through the activity. It is highly suggested that you do not complete the activities for them. Instead, 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.



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Welcome to Mini 4-H! You are now a member of the 4-H family. Mini 4-H'ers have lots of fun. There are many activities for you to explore. You can try new things. You can share it with your friends and family.

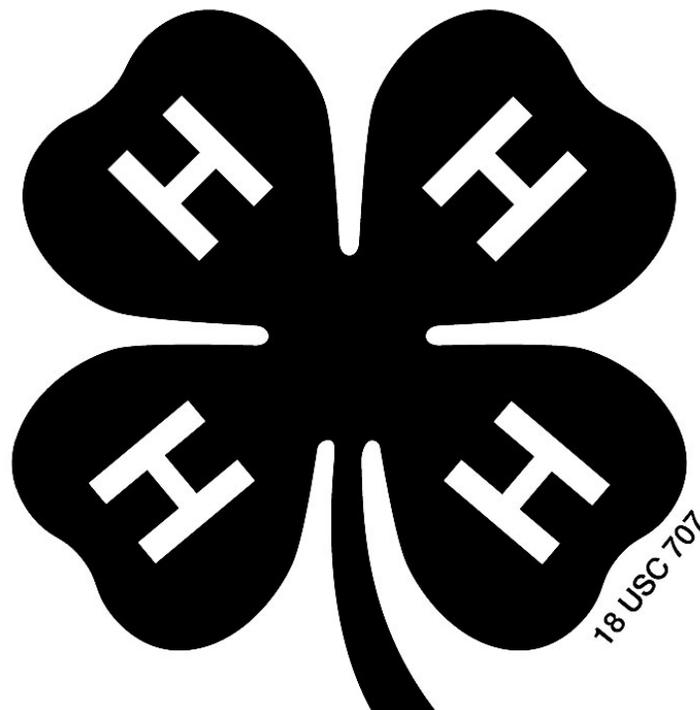
Mom or Dad or another adult can help you with your project, and you can bring your project to the 4-H fair. Many people will be able to see what you have done. You will receive a ribbon made just for Mini 4-H.

The 4-H Symbol: A four leaf clover with an H in each leaf

4-H Colors: Green and white

The 4-H Motto: To make the best better.

The 4-H Pledge: I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service, and my Health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.



Division I – Kindergarten

If you like to collect things, this Mini 4-H project is just for you. Maybe you have some neat rocks, seashells, coins, or stamps. Many different types of things can be collected and displayed for others to see. Would you like to share your collection with others? Well, here's how:

If you're in Kindergarten this year, then you would be in Division I. This division will consist of collecting, identifying, and exhibiting 6 items.

As you begin to collect items for your project, you may want to keep a log of where, when, and how you found each item. This log is just for your information and does not need to be turned in with your project for this division.

Your exhibit may be on a display board, in a box, on a poster, or in a notebook. It should not exceed 22" x 14" and must be securely attached to prevent damage to the items. Once you have your collection complete and mounted, you need to fill out one of the labels below and attach it to your display.

You will find suggestions for collections and how to display them later on in this manual. We hope you enjoy this project, and that you will be back next year in Division II.

Mini 4-H Collections Division I	Mini 4-H Collections Division I
Name _____	Name _____
Grade _____	Grade _____

Division II – 1st Grade

Division II is for children who are in 1st grade this year. This division will consist of collecting, identifying, and exhibiting 6 items.

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On the next few pages there are some suggestions for collections and how to display them. We hope you enjoy this project. Once you have your collection complete and mounted, fill out one of the labels below and attach it to your display.

Mini 4-H Collections Division II	Mini 4-H Collections Division II
Name _____	Name _____
Grade _____	Grade _____

Division III – 2nd Grade

Division III is for children who are in 2nd grade this year. This division will consist of collecting, identifying, and exhibiting 6 items.

As you begin to collect items for your project, you will want to keep a log of where, when, and how you found each item. This record sheet should be turned in with your Division III entry.

Your exhibit may be on a display board, in a box, on a poster, or in a notebook. It should not exceed 22" x 14" and must be securely attached to prevent damage to the items. Once you have your collection complete and mounted, you need to fill out one of the labels below and attach it to your display.

On the next few pages there are some suggestions for collections and how to display them. We hope you enjoy this project and will join us in regular 4-H next year when you are in 3rd grade.

Once you have your collection complete and mounted, fill out one of the labels below and attach it to your display.

Mini 4-H Collections Division III	Mini 4-H Collections Division III
Name _____	Name _____
Grade _____	Grade _____

So just what types of things could you collect?

What about rocks, coins, insects, salt and pepper

shakers, stamps, or baseball cards?

Maybe you have a collection of dried,

pressed flowers, or autumn leaves.

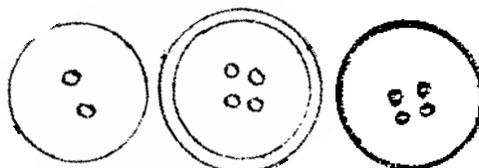
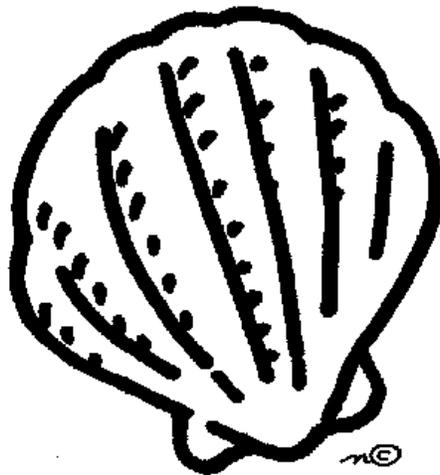
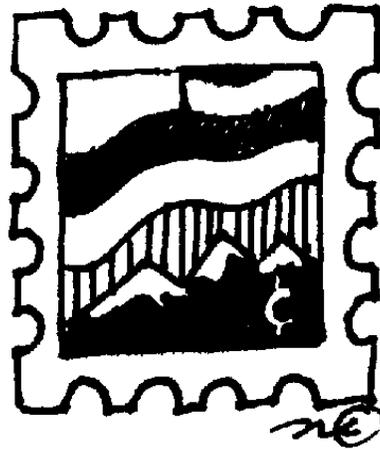
Seashells are fun to gather along a

beach or rocks from your own

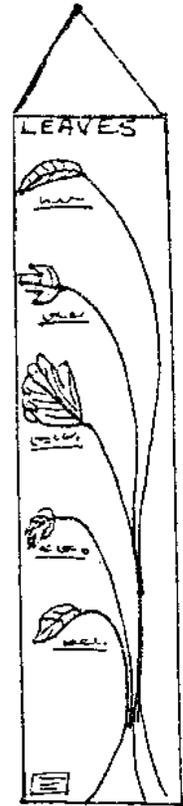
backyard. Do you have some

interesting pictures, buttons, or postcards? Maybe you have found

some bird feathers or have a collection of stickers.



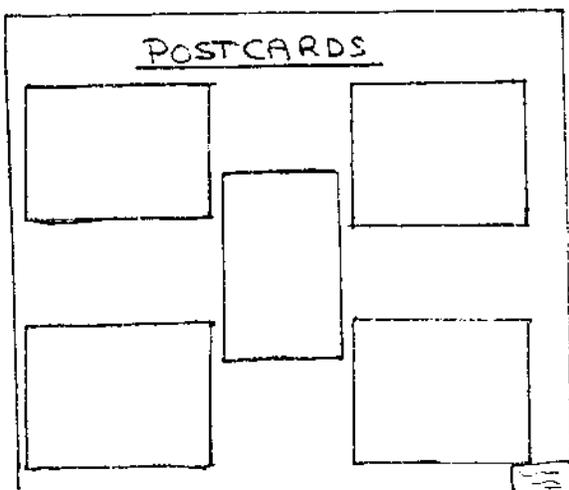
Many people make interesting hobbies of collecting all kinds of things, and they keep adding to these collections all their lives. Now that you have started your collection, how will you display it? One of the biggest problems with collections is finding a way to keep them neat and clean and still be able to enjoy them.



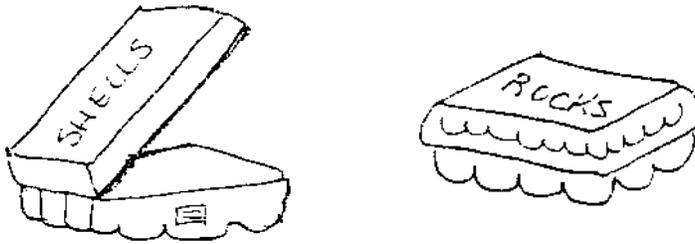
Many articles can be fastened to poster board, plywood, or a bulletin board. This is a good method for arrowheads, postcards, leaves, feathers, medals, or buttons.

Many small items can be kept in an album or a picture frame. You can buy one or make one. A notebook can be decorated, if you like.

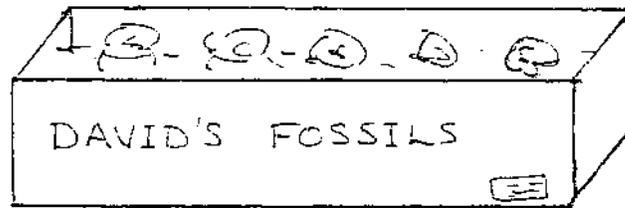
These are good for pictures, stamps, coins, feathers, or baseball cards.



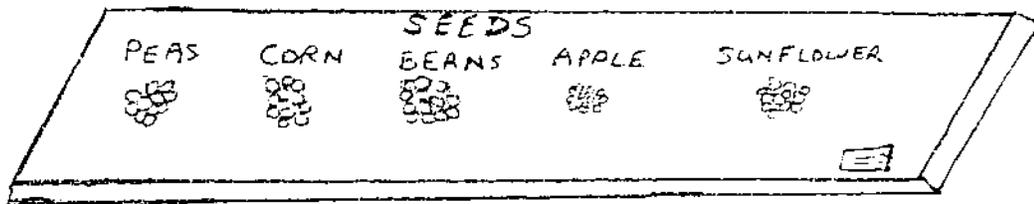
An egg carton can be used to neatly display rocks or shells.



Perhaps you have a sturdy cardboard box you can use to display rocks, fossils, shells, and many other things.

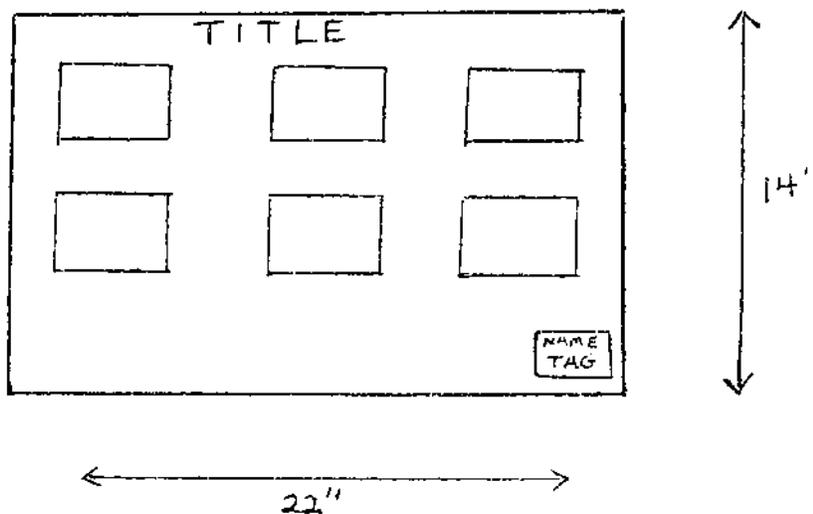


Seeds can be stored in plastic bags, small bottles, baby food jars, or even glued onto a piece of cardboard or wood.



If you arrange your collection on a poster board you will need to use a stiff backing and cover it with clear plastic. Poster board can be purchased at the Purdue Extension Hancock County office, an office supply or craft store. It usually comes in sheets 22" x 28", so you will need to cut it in half, making two 14" x 22" pieces. Ask your parents to help you. Glue the poster onto stiff backing. The backing can be two pieces of cardboard glued together, old paneling, plywood, or anything else that will make your poster stiff.

Next mount horizontally the items that are to be displayed on the poster and label them. You need a title at the top of the poster and your name label in the lower right hand corner. Cover the poster with plastic and you are ready for the fair.



We suggest that no matter how you choose to display your collection, you do it in a way to protect your items and still make them look nice. The collection should be titled and each item clearly labeled. You can get help identifying your items from books around your home or in the library. Your parents, friends, or other adults may also be able to help. If you collect insects you need not know the scientific name, only the common name.

Don't forget to include the correct name label for the division you are entering. Your Mini 4-H leader will help you if you have any questions, or contact the Hancock County Extension Office at 462-1113.

We hope you have enjoyed this Mini 4-H experience. Thank you for spending time with us this year. Join us again next year in the next level of Mini 4-H, or if you are in 3rd grade you will be eligible for regular 4-H. Please join us for the fun and friendship that goes with participating in 4-H activities.

