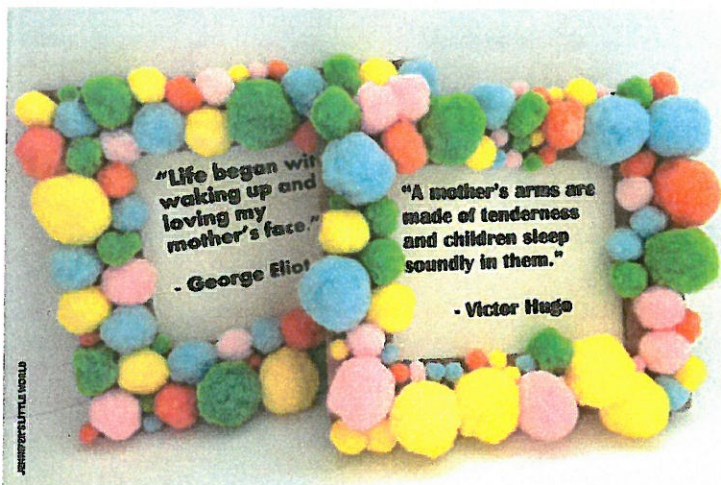


# Noble County Mini 4-H



# Crafts



## Mini 4-H Helper's page

Welcome to the Mini 4-H Program! Mini 4-H is designed for children in grades K-2 to explore a variety of project activity areas and to interact with caring adults and other children.

Children receive this project activity manual when they enroll in Mini 4-H. This manual and the manuals on various other topics will provide fun, age-appropriate learning activities throughout their year(s) in Mini 4-H.

As a Mini 4-H adult helper, your job will be to guide and encourage each child through the activities. A wide range of activities is provided to allow you to choose the ones most appropriate for the children you are working with. It is strongly 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. 4-H believes in allowing children to learn by doing. The Mini 4-H project activities are hands-on learning opportunities designed to provide a meaningful educational experience for youth.

Additionally, the Mini 4-H program is set up to allow children to display a project activity that is based upon information in this manual. Some children may want to exhibit at the 4-H Fair. The 4-H Fair is an exciting week that allows community youth to showcase their enthusiasm for learning. Children may choose to display a project activity they did by themselves or one they did with a group. Other children may choose to showcase their work in other ways, such as displaying it in a special place in their own home.

Mini 4-H is fun! Children will certainly enjoy it. You can have fun too, by guiding and helping as children participate in the program. Encourage and praise the children as they have fun learning and sharing with you. If you have any questions regarding Mini 4-H or other 4-H programs, please contact the Extension Office in your county.

## Helper's Tips

The Mini 4-H Program can be used with individual children, but it works best when used in a group of 2 or more children. Children working cooperatively in groups develop positive images of themselves and their ideas. Other ways adult helpers can maximize the benefits of Mini 4-H are to:

- **Work on a subject interesting to the child by encouraging children to choose the content area.** Look through this manual and choose the project activities based on the interests and skill levels of the children
- **Relax and have fun.** Some children will want to finished their activities, others may not. There is no need to pressure children of this age to finish an activity, because the real learning takes place while they participate in the activity and interact with others. The finished project should not be the main focus. The knowledge children gain while they explore new areas and experiment with new ideas should be the primary goal.
- **Remain flexible and adapt to the changing needs of the children.** Restlessness or boredom may indicate a need to stop the activity and come back to it later.
- **Encourage children to talk and work with each other.** Children learn best when they are encouraged to freely share their reactions and observations. You may want to ask the children about what they did during an activity, what happened, what was the easiest, and what they like the most.

This manual contains activities for children that allow for a wide range of abilities and provide practice for developing a variety of skills.



## Mini 4-H Page

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

Here are some things to know about 4-H.

The 4-H symbol is a four-leaf clover with an "H" in each leaf. Clover is a plant that grows in fields, yards and along roadsides. Most clovers have three leaves. Sometimes, if you look very carefully, you may get lucky and find a special clover with four leaves. A four-leaf clover is used as the symbol for 4-H to let everyone know 4-H is a special kind of group.



The 4-H colors are green and white. The four-leaf clover is green and the "H" in each leaf is white.

A group motto is a saying that tells people what is important to the group. The 4-H motto is "To make the best better." When something is better than all the others it is the best. Think about a time when you did your best. Maybe you threw a ball farther than you have ever thrown it before. Now, think about some ways you could do better. You may be able to throw farther by practicing for a while or by watching someone who can throw farther than you, to see how they throw so far. Even if you throw the ball farther than you have ever thrown it before. There are still ways that you can do better the next time. 4-H encourages you to always try to do better, even if you are doing the best you have ever done.

*"To make the  
best better"*

## The 4-H Pledge

A pledge is a promise you make to yourself and to the people around you. The 4-H pledge is a bold print below.


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**.


What do these words mean?

I Pledge my Head  to clearer thinking, means I promise to use my head to make good choices.

My heart  to greater loyalty, means to use my heart to be a good friend.

My hands  to larger service, and, means to use my hands to do helpful things for others.

My health  to better living, means to take care of my body and to show others how to live in a healthy way.

For my club, my community, my country  and my world, means to help my group, my community, my country and my world be happy and safe for everyone.

# \* *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.

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## Splatter Painting

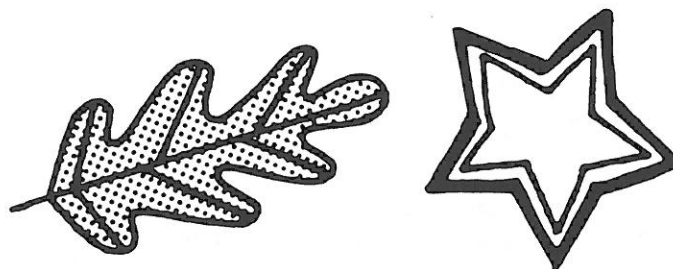
Needed Materials:

- 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 raveling.

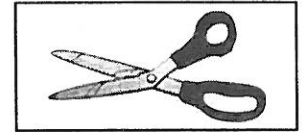
Clean up and put away your supplies.

# 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:

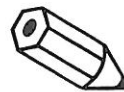
- \* Craft Kit such as needlework, leather craft, Christmas ornament, etc.

- \* 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:

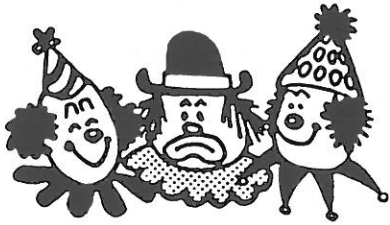
- \* 8 1/2" X 11" Drawing paper
- \* Poster Board or Mat Board
- \* Use one of the following mediums: pencil, felt tip pens, colored pencils, charcoal, water color, crayons, ink, or finger paints.

## 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 10.  
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.



## **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.

## 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.

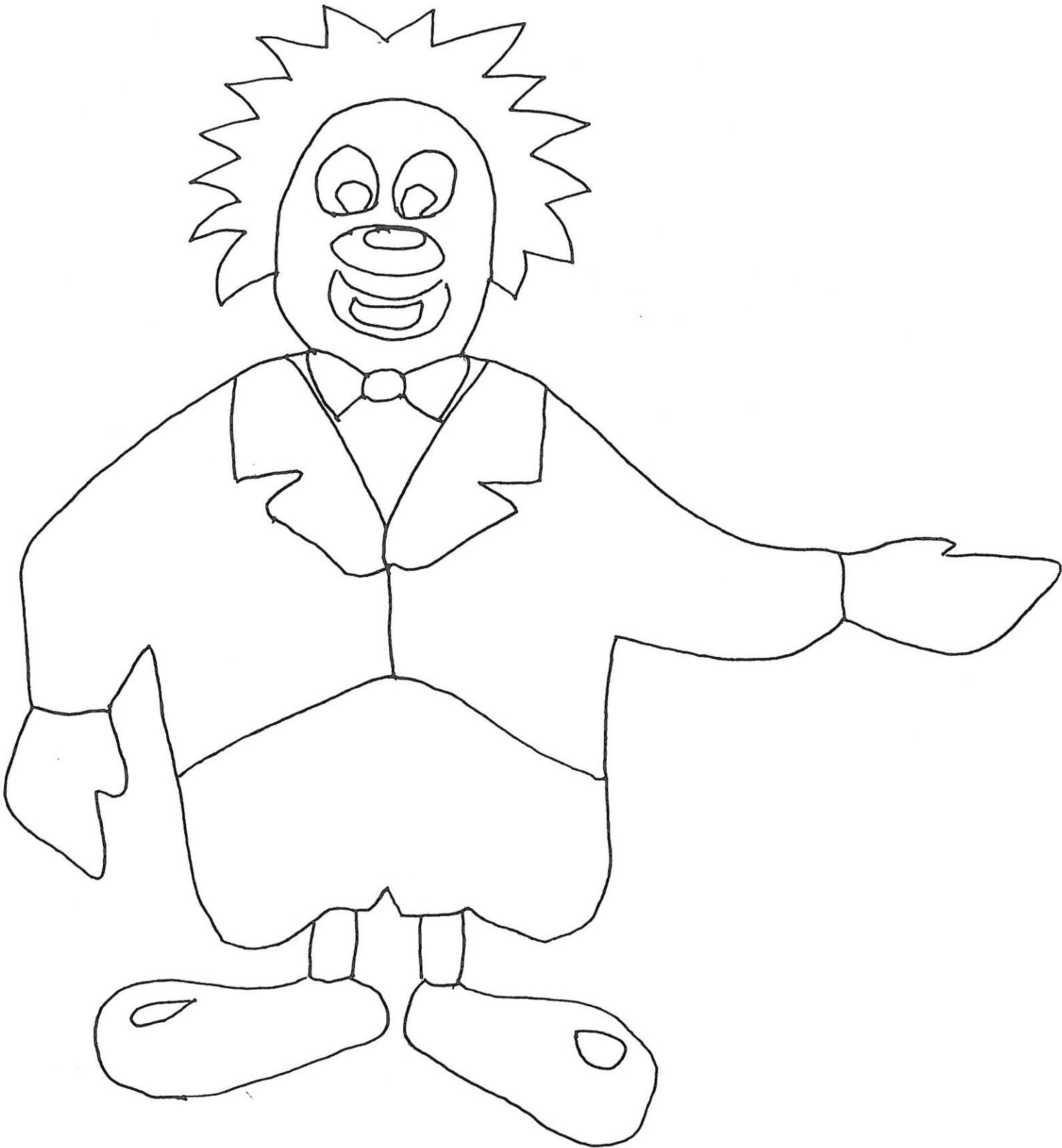
Use spray glue (use outside and spray the back of the picture) or small pieces of double stick tape. Attach the picture to the center of the poster board.

- ◆ 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!***

## CLOWN

You may increase the size if you wish.



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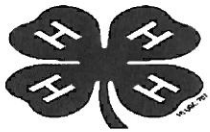
Scissors

Poster Board

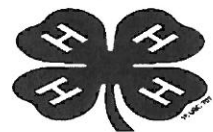
### Directions:

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 8½" x 11" picture should be mounted on a 10½" 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



### Exhibit – Kindergarten

A craft of your choice.

### Exhibit – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

A craft of your choice, different than last year.

### Exhibit – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

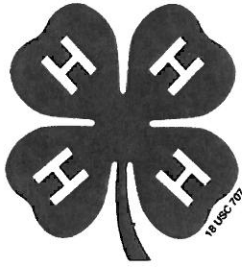
A craft of your choice, different than last year.

Use your imagination as you design your craft. Crafts can be used for decorations, and they make great gifts. Feel free to exhibit your own creation, or something from a kit. Snap Tite models as acceptable.

All projects are to have a name label on them. You will receive a Mini 4-H newsletter in the mail prior to the Fair that will contain name labels.

If you have any questions about your project, please call the Extension Office at 636-2111 or 1-800-601-5826.





# Noble County Mini 4-H Record Sheet

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years in Mini 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years in project \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Leader's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

A. Project: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Estimated number of hours worked to complete project \_\_\_\_\_

C. Money spent on project:

Cost of supplies: (list) \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Foods – number of \_\_\_\_\_

times made \_\_\_\_\_

D. List the things that you learned while you were doing Mini 4-H:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_