

1st Grade MINI 4-H CRAFTS



Hi! Welcome to Mini 4-H and the Mini 4-H Crafts Project. You are going to have a great time this year as you make crafts.

Before you begin this project, please read the helpful information listed on the next page.

Good luck on your project and, most of all, have fun!

INSTRUCTIONS

Before you start working on this project, please read these instructions with an adult or 4-H member who will be helping you.

1. Read the Exhibit Requirements, Note to Parents, Helpful Hints, and Project Goals.
2. You should begin working on your project when you get this manual.
3. Be proud of your project if you have done the best you can do.

EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

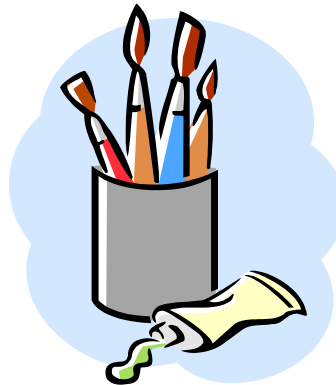
1. Read this project book.
2. Exhibit one craft you have made that was NOT made from a kit -- such as mosaics, tooth pick construction, egg or paper craft, spatter or finger painting, bookmarks, tissue paper art, mobiles, crayon resist pictures, vegetable or fruit printing pictures, collage, stamp art, sponge, spatter, or finger painting, sand art, felt or sock puppets, or friendship bracelets.

NOTE TO PARENTS

4-H is proud to be considered a "family affair." While it is expected that the 4-H member will actively complete his or her own project, please offer encouragement and guidance to your child throughout the project. Keep in mind that your child's exhibit is to be an exhibit of his or her best effort. Most importantly, take time to enjoy 4-H with your child.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Each 4-H family should view a current copy of the Washington County 4-H Handbook. This book contains information on 4-H activities, rules and projects. Whenever you have 4-H related questions, please consult this information book.
- Monthly 4-H Newsletters will be made available to families. Please read these Newsletters. They will contain information on upcoming 4-H activities, rule or project updates, and 4-H fair information.
- Mini 4-H members are encouraged to attend 4-H Club meetings. At these meetings, you will learn more about 4-H, make new friends, and have fun.



PROJECT GOALS

Given the information in this manual and the help of an adult or older 4-H member you will exhibit your craft at the fair.

Everyone enjoys making crafts. The key is to be creative. In the Mini 4-H Craft Project, you may choose from a variety of different things.

In 1st Grade, you will be making a craft that does **not** come from a kit. Some craft ideas that you may be interested in taking to the fair include: mosaics; jewelry from beads; felt puppets; spatter, finger, sponge painting; bookmarks; tissue paper art; mobiles; or collages. Before you start your project consider these things.

- 1) What craft idea looks like it would be fun?
- 2) Will I learn something new?
- 3) Will the project be easy enough to finish?
- 4) Will the cost of the supplies you need to purchase cost too much?
- 5) Will you be able to find all the supplies you would need?

Have an adult help you pick out the craft you will make. Once you have decided on an idea, follow the directions. Certain craft ideas have directions that we need to follow, other craft ideas don't. If you don't have a set of directions to follow, you will need to make up your own. You should have an adult help you do this. Once you have a set of directions, read through the directions. Next make a list of supplies and equipment you will need to make your craft project. Then check to see which items you already have at your home. As you collect these items, put them in a special place like a basket or a shoebox. This way you will know exactly where all your supplies are when you start. If you don't have all the supplies you need, make a list that you can take shopping. Once these items are purchased, put them in the basket or shoebox.

You will need an area where you can work on your project. This might be a desk in your room or even the kitchen table. Remember to choose a spot where younger or older brothers and sisters can't accidentally mess up your project. If you have any pets in the house, be sure to keep your supplies out of their reach also.

Now that you have the perfect spot, you're ready to start your project. Start your project when you will have plenty of time to work on it and won't be interrupted. Set out all your supplies and reread the directions. Make sure you follow all of the directions step by step and make sure you have an adult around to help you out if you get stuck.

Once you have completed the project. Give it plenty of time to dry if you did any painting or gluing. If you are exhibiting pictures, they must be put in a frame. Below are some helpful tips when framing your picture. Once your exhibit is complete, find a safe place to keep it until it's time to take it to the fair. It would be a good idea to put your name on the back or bottom of your project. If you can't use pencil or pen, you can write your name on a small square of masking tape and stick it to the bottom or back of your craft project. You will also need to attach an exhibit tag to your project at the fair. You will receive this tag when you turn your project in for judging.

Framing

Vertical Picture

(Longer than it is wide)

- A. Bottom margin is widest
- B. Top margin is next
- C. Side margins are narrowest

Horizontal Picture

(Wider than it is long)

- A. Bottom margin is widest
- B. Side margins are next
- C. Top margin is narrowest

Square Picture

- A. Bottom margin is widest
- B. Side margins and top margins are same, but narrower than bottom margin

Make sure that any craft project that is meant to be hung up has a good sturdy hanger on it.

The following are some ideas you might want to try, but your craft exhibit is not limited to these items.

Collage

Supplies needed:

scissors, posterboard, glue, collage materials such as catalogs, magazines, newspapers, tissue paper, wallpaper, felt, leaves, etc.

A collage is a picture made of all kinds of small pieces of paper or pictures from magazines, glued together in different directions to tell a story or make a design. If you decide to make a collage, first pick out an idea. Maybe you want to do a collage using cat pictures. Or maybe you want to do a collage in the shape of a clover and put pictures of things you like to do in 4-H. You can do anything; just be creative and use your imagination. When you begin to work on your collage, prepare your pictures or small pieces of paper by tearing or cutting them in the shape you want. Arrange them on a table the way you want them on your collage. They can be spaced out, touching, or overlapping. Transfer the arranged pieces to a piece of cardboard or poster board. Glue them in place. When working on your collage, always keep it as flat as possible while it's drying. Your finished collage may be hung on the wall. (Refer to framing rules.)

Mosaic

Supplies needed: paper for sketching, pencil, scissors, plywood or masonite, white glue, small container, brush, seeds of any kind

To begin, make a sketch to fit well on your piece of masonite or plywood. The sketch may be anything you wish, but think of spaces rather than lines. You'll want to keep your background simple. Cut out the pattern and trace onto your working board. Keep your seeds separate by color and size. Mix white glue and water (equal parts) in container. Brush this mixture on one small area of the design. Arrange your seeds in the glue-water mixture. Work slowly trying not to bump your work. Plan for dark seeds next to light ones. Sometimes the seeds look attractive arranged in rows. Keep adding more glue-water mixture and seeds until the design is complete. Fill in the background with contrasting colored seeds. Wash your brush before the glue dries in it! Warm water and a little soap or detergent will help. Let your mosaic dry thoroughly. Cover the seeds with a coat of the water-glue mixture or with shellac. This will protect the seeds and hold them in place. You might also want to use clear varnish or lacquer.

You may also make a mosaic of torn bits of colored magazine pages, small pebbles, wood chips, candy, etc. Use your creativity.

Painting - Spatter, Finger, Sponge, or Vegetable

Supplies needed: tempera paint, tape, paper, brushes, sponges for the sponge painting, popcicle stick, and a potato for the vegetable painting.



To spatter paint, first cut out a design on a piece of paper such as a circle, square, flower, etc. Tape the design you cut out onto a piece of paper by placing a piece of rolled tape underneath. Dip brush in paint and spatter with a popcicle stick so that it spatters the paint all over the paper. When paint dries on the paper, carefully remove the taped design. Your painting is now ready to be framed.

To finger paint, instead of using a brush to paint with, use your fingers to make designs or pictures.

To sponge paint, instead of using a brush to paint with, dip sponges in paint and make a picture.

To paint using vegetables, use something like a potato. Have an adult cut some different shaped pieces out of the potato. Dip the vegetable in the paint and make a picture.

Be sure to allow the paint plenty of time to dry before you frame it and bring it to the fair.

Puppets

Supplies needed: socks, buttons, yarn, glue, needle, thread, markers, and anything else you think might be useful.

To make a socket puppet you must be creative. First take a clean sock - any color will work depending on what type of puppet you want. Put your hand in the sock, make your hand in the shape of a V (take your thumb and touch your middle finger) and push fabric of the sock into the V part of your hand. The V part of the sock will be your puppets mouth. Next decide what type of decorations you will use for eyes. Will you have button eyes, wiggly eyes, pom-pom eyes, or something else. You can add eye lashes and/or eye brows. Don't forget about a nose, mouth, and does your puppet need a tongue or ears. Your puppet can be as creative as you want. It could be an animal such as a pig or even decorate your puppet to be a clown or farmer. Attach your eyes with glue or thread depending on what

you decide to use for the eyes. Just make sure that everything is secure.

Bookmarks

Supplies needed: Small flowers (violets, baby's breath, etc.), Foil pie pan, Dry Sand, Scissors, Glue, Construction paper, Adhesive clear plastic

Gather flowers. Put a thin layer of sand in the bottom of a pie pan. Gently place flowers on top of the sand. Cover flowers with a layer of sand. Put pan in the dark, in a dry spot for 10 days. Lift the flowers out and gently brush off the sand. Cut a strip of construction paper to form a book mark. Lay flowers on construction paper. Put a layer of adhesive clear plastic on as a cover and to hold flowers in place.

Your Craft Exhibit

The extra care that you have taken to make your craft project will make your exhibit very nice. You will be so proud of your craft when you see it on display at the 4-H Fair.

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Check List for Exhibiting Crafts

The judges will consider these things when they look at your exhibit. Can you answer "yes" to each question?

	Yes	No
1. If you used glue or paint, is your project dry?	_____	_____
2. Was this project your own creation and not from a kit?	_____	_____
3. Is your project neat and clean in appearance?	_____	_____

It is important that you get your craft project to the 4-H Exhibit Building at the fairgrounds on time. Check your 4-H Newsletter or ask your 4-H Club Leader when your crafts exhibit needs to be checked-in at the fair. Write that information here and on your family calendar.

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