

Kindergarten

# MINI 4-H FLOWERS



Hi! Welcome to Mini 4-H and the Mini 4-H Flowers Project. You are going to have a great time this year as you learn about flowers.

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

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 a poster containing 10 pictures of different flowers. Mount your pictures on 14" x 22" poster board and label each picture with the flower's name. Give your poster a title. Bring the poster to the 4-H Fair and turn it in as your flowers exhibit.  
\*Foam Core Board and plastic sleeves may be purchased at the Extension Office.

### **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 complete an exhibit in the Mini Flowers Project.



Flowers come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and smells. They can grow in a garden, in pots, or can be cut and arranged in a vase. Flowers are beautiful to look at and can make wonderful gifts.



As you collect your pictures for your exhibit, consider what type of plants you have collected. There are several different types of plants that produce flowers. Some plants grow inside and are called house plants. And there are three types that grow outside:

- \*Annuals are the type that must be planted every year and die at the end of the summer.
- \*Biennials are planted the first year, but don't have flowers until the next year.
- \*Perennials come up every year without having to be planted.

Plants grow from seeds, bulbs, or cuttings.

Plants grown from seed are sometimes started inside before they are transplanted outside to a garden or pot. This way the plant can get an early start without having to worry about frost.

Bulbs are kind of like a huge seed. Some bulbs only have to be planted once, and some bulbs have to be replanted every year.

To grow a plant from a cutting, a portion of the plant is cut and placed in soil and it grows. Only certain places cut from certain plants grow into another plant.

When you're looking for your pictures of flowers, look for a variety.



## **MAKING YOUR POSTER**

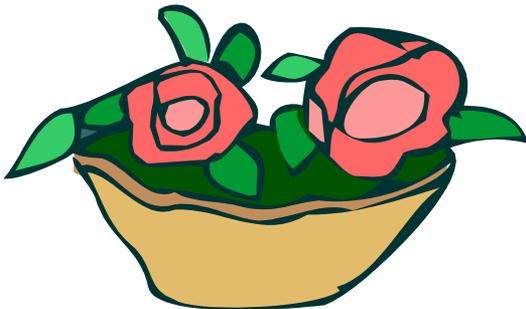
Follow these instructions:

1. Cut out color pictures of flowers from magazines, seed packets, etc.
2. Choose the best 10 pictures and label each one with the name of the flower.
3. Your poster needs to measure 14" x 22" (14" tall and 22" wide) and needs to have a stiff backing. (You may use a piece of foam core board in place of the poster and backing.) When making posters, scrapbook adhesive or rubber cement works better than regular glue for attaching.
4. Attach pictures and labels to your poster. Arrange them creatively. Give your poster a title and leave room in the lower right hand corner for your exhibit tag that will be put on at the fair. Let your poster dry overnight.
5. Cover your poster with clear plastic which is heavy enough not to wrinkle. **DO NOT USE PLASTIC FOOD WRAP.** The Extension Office often carries plastic sleeves & foam core board that may be purchased for a minimal amount.
6. Bring the poster to the 4-H Fair and turn it in.

## Check List for Your Flowers Exhibit

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

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Does your poster measure 14"x22?	_____	_____
Is the poster displayed horizontally (short and wide)?	_____	_____
Is the poster covered in plastic?	_____	_____
Are there 10 different pictures of flowers?	_____	_____
Do each of the pictures have a label?	_____	_____
Is the poster clean and neat in appearance?	_____	_____
Does your poster have a title?	_____	_____



It is important that you get your exhibit to the fair on time. Check your 4-H Newsletter or ask your 4-H Club leader when your Mini Flowers project exhibit needs to be checked-in at the 4-H Fair. Write that information here and on your family calendar.



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