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# MINI 4-H MODELS





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

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!

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# **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**

Read this project book.

<u>Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades</u> – Exhibit one snap-together or lego type model you have put together. Choose a model that is age appropriate.

#### **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.

#### **Check List for Your Models Exhibit**

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

Yes No

1. Does your model snap together?

3. Is the model clean and neat in appearance?

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 Models Project exhibit needs to be checked-in at the 4-H Fair. Write that information here and on your family calendar.



## **Your Models Exhibit**

Your models exhibit will be to exhibit a snap together model. Exhibit one snap together or lego type model you have put together. Choose a model that is age appropriate.



#### **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 Models Project.

### **Fun With Models**

You will be making your model from a snap together kit you will buy at the store. Lego kits are fine to use, but they must be part of a kit. You must consider a few things before you buy the kit.

- 1) Does the kit look fun to you?
- 2) Would it teach you something new?
- 3) Would the project be easy enough for you to complete? (Check the box to see if there are recommended ages for the project.)
- 4) Is the cost of the project affordable?
- 5) Will you need to purchase additional supplies before you start the kit, or are all supplies included with the kit?

Once you have considered all of these questions and purchased your kit, you should start off by reading all the directions in the kit. Once you have read the directions, then get together 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, 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 model project.

It's also suggested that you place your model in a shoe box lid to bring to the fair. This will assist volunteers in being able to move your model for displaying during the fair.