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# MINI 4-H WOODWORKING

Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades



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

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 and your kit.
- 3. Be proud of your project if you have done the best you can do.

## **EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS**

Read this project book.

<u>Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades</u> -- Exhibit one wooden item that is age appropriate. A kit may be used.



#### **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 Woodworking Project.

Hi! Welcome to the Mini 4-H Woodworking Project. To begin the project, start off by coming up with an idea or purchasing a kit. You will need to read the directions. Once you have read the directions, make sure that you have all the supplies and tools you will need to complete the project. If you need anything,

make a list so that you may pick up those supplies the next time you go shopping.

When you have all of your supplies and tools, then

you will need to get together an area where you can work on your project. This might be a work bench in your basement or garage 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. There will be times when

you will need an extra hand to help hold your project together when you are gluing or nailing your project. Here are some helpful suggestions to follow when working on your project.

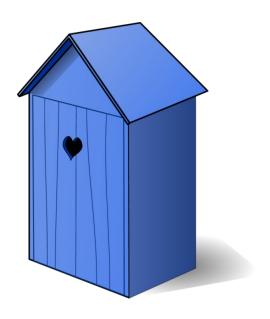
Sand all of your wood items until smooth, except for the any areas where you may be using glue. Make sure you wipe your project with a clean cloth before you start.

If you use glue, allow all glued pieces to dry completely before staining, painting, or varnishing the pieces.

Once your project is assembled and has been painted, stained, or varnished; you may add any other decorations that you choose. Be creative.



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 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 of your woodworking project.



## **Check List for Your Woodworking Exhibit**

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

each question:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1. Is your project sanded	?	
2. Are the pieces glued o	r nailed toge	ther securely?
3. Is the project clean an	d neat in app	earance?
4. Is the paint, stain, or v	varnish dry?	
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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 Woodworking 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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