



Mini 4-H

Hints for Making Posters

THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN YOU MAKE A POSTER

1. Think about your poster. Plan your poster before you make it.
2. Use stiff or heavy grade poster board. Mount your poster on heavy cardboard or another stiff backing. The finished size is 11 inches by 14 inches. The poster will be displayed horizontally with the 14 inch side being the top and bottom of the poster. Poster boards are available at the Extension office for \$2 while supplies last.
3. Plan your title – pencil it in on the poster first to see how it fits. Use letters that are large enough for good visibility.
4. Make all lettering on your poster stand out by using markers in dark colors. Trace over penciled letters in your story, title, etc., with marker.
5. Attach your exhibit tag in the lower right hand corner. Write neatly in markers or black ink. Be sure you have written your name, age, grade, and school clearly so everyone can read it.
6. Special effects can be created by using colored construction paper as mounting behind stones or pictures (magazine cut outs, drawings, snap shots). Use your imagination!
7. Keep your poster simple. It should not be too busy or cluttered – but do include enough pictures and/or information to make it interesting and tell your story.
8. Cover your poster with clear plastic to protect it. This plastic may be purchased at most variety stores and then secured on the back with masking tape. Or poster sleeves can be purchased from the Extension office for \$1 while supplies last.
9. Attach your record sheet to the back.