



Arts & Crafts Recycling

Project Introduction

The 4-H Recycling Project is based on the 4 R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover) and should involve at least one of the following guidelines:

- The material is reshaped from one form to another
- The material is reprocessed from one form to another
- The material is redesigned into a different type of product

Projects will be judged based on originality, creativity, and the exhibitor's use of discarded, recyclable materials. 4-H members should keep in mind that new items purchased specifically for this exhibit defeat the purpose of recycling.

Exhibits should not be larger than a table or floor display unless prior arrangements are made with the Purdue Extension Office.

Project Requirements

Exhibit Options for all divisions:

Enter an article in one of the following categories:

- Clothing item (example: hats or purses made from blue jeans)
- Furniture item (example: Coke cases made into end tables)
- Bottles or cans (example: canister set made from these)
- Discarded mechanical parts and equipment (example: yard art)
- Miscellaneous (example: greeting cards as baskets, etc.)
- Make a poster on a recycling topic or to promote recycling individually, as a community, and/or world issues.
- Notebook – see grade level descriptions.

Beginner (Grades 3 - 5)

- Gain knowledge in environmental awareness, natural resources, and basic recycling techniques.
- Prepare an exhibit following the guidelines listed above. Attach a label to project.
- If doing a notebook of something you've made out of recycled materials, include an explanation of your exhibit, a description of what you used, how you made your

project, and pictures. Your notebook should also include the three activities you completed in your manual.

- Complete a Floyd County Record Sheet.

Intermediate (Grades 6 - 8)

- Gain knowledge in environmental composting, school recycling, and purchasing awareness.
- Prepare an exhibit following the guidelines listed above. Attach a label to project.
- If doing a notebook of something you've made out of recycled materials, include an explanation of your exhibit, a description of what you used, how you made your project, and pictures. Your notebook should also include the three activities you completed in your manual.
- Complete a Floyd County Record Sheet.

Advanced (Grades 9 - 12)

- Gain knowledge in community environmental awareness, regulators, and hazardous waste.
- Prepare an exhibit following the guidelines listed above. Attach a label to project.
- If doing a notebook of something you've made out of recycled materials, include an explanation of your exhibit, a description of what you used, how you made your project, and pictures. Your notebook should also include the three activities you completed in your manual.
- Complete a Floyd County Record Sheet.