



Mini 4-H Poultry Project



Name: _____

Club: _____



MINI 4-H PARENTS' PAGE

Welcome to the Mini 4-H Program! Mini 4-H is designed for youth in Kindergarten through second grade (as of January 1 of the current year). It is non-competitive and allows them to explore a variety of project areas.

Your child received this project manual when enrolling in Mini 4-H. This manual provides fun, age-appropriate learning activities throughout their years in Mini 4-H and interest in this project.

As a Mini 4-H parent, your role is to guide and encourage your child through the activities. It is highly suggested that you do not complete the activities for them. Instead, please help them, guide them, work with them, and let them do all they possibly can. The 4-H program encourages "learn by doing."

Additionally, the Mini 4-H program is set up to allow your child to exhibit a project at the 4-H Fair. This project is based upon information within this manual. *If your child shows any animal other than a cat or dog, an adult must remain in the arena with them at all times. If showing a horse, a parent must assist them in the ring.*

The 4-H Fair is an exciting time for 4-H members and their families. It is a week that allows community youth to showcase their talents, interests, and enthusiasm for learning.

Mini 4-H is fun! We believe your child will enjoy it. You can have fun, too, by guiding and helping as your child participates in the program. Encourage and praise your child as he/she has fun learning and sharing with you.

If you have any questions regarding Mini 4-H or other 4-H programs, please feel free to contact the Extension Office.

Welcome!



MINI 4-H MEMBER'S PAGE

Welcome to Mini 4-H! Mini 4-H members have lots of fun! There are lots of activities for you to explore. You can try new things and share them with your family and friends.

A parent or other adult can help you with your project. Bring your finished project to the 4-H Fair and a lot of people will be able to see what you have done. You will get a special ribbon made just for Mini 4-H projects.

We are so happy to have you as part of our 4-H family.

Have fun!



Here are some things to know about 4-H:

The 4-H symbol: A four-leaf clover with an "H" in each leaf

4-H colors: Green and white

The 4-H Motto: To make the best, better.

The 4-H Pledge: I pledge my *head* to clearer thinking,

my *heart* to greater loyalty,

my *hands* to larger service, and

my *health* to better living,

for my club, my community,

my country, and my world.

POULTRY FACTS

According to the American Poultry Association, the term “poultry” includes chickens, geese, ducks, Guinea fowl, and turkeys.

Poultry--Domestic fowl, particularly those raised for food or laying eggs.

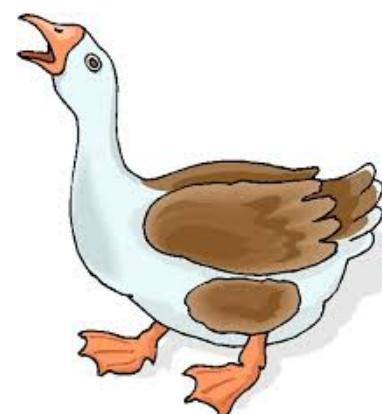
Fowl--A bird, such as a duck, goose, turkey, or pheasant that can be used as food or hunted as game.

According to Michigan State University Extension, egg color is determined by the genetics of the hens. The breed of the hen will indicate what color eggs she will produce. For example, Leghorn chickens lay white eggs while Orpingtons lay brown eggs and Ameraucana produce blue eggs.

Domestication of the chicken dates back to at least 2000 B.C., according to Penn State Extension.

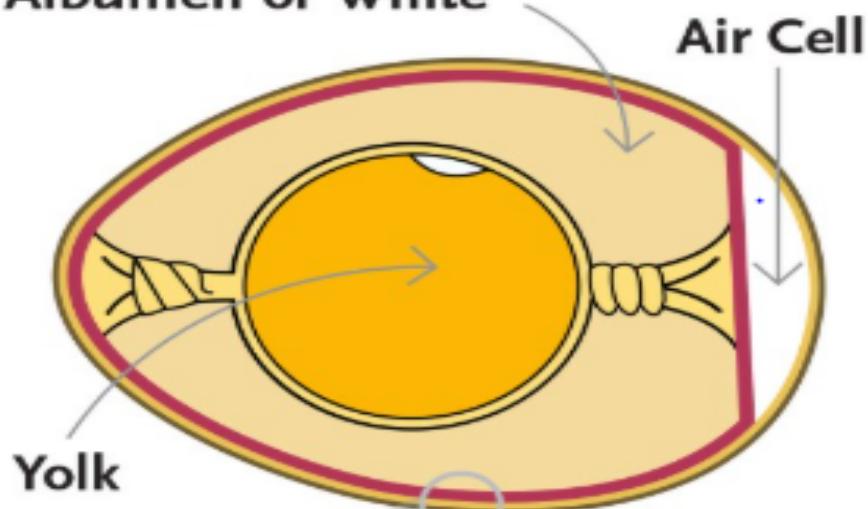
Examples of Poultry and Fowl that can be exhibited in a 4-H project:

- Chickens--White Rock, White Leghorns, Barred Plymouth Rock, New Hampshire Reds, and Rhode Island Reds etc.
- Waterfowl--Ducks, Geese
- Pigeons--Fancy, sporting, and utility breeds.
- Turkeys-- Red Bourbon, Bronze-Breasted, and White Giant etc.
- Guineas--Purple, lavender, coral blue, white, buff, and Pearl etc.

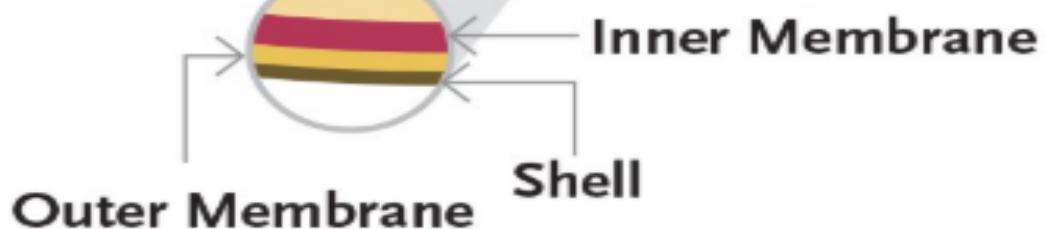


PARTS OF AN EGG

Albumen or White



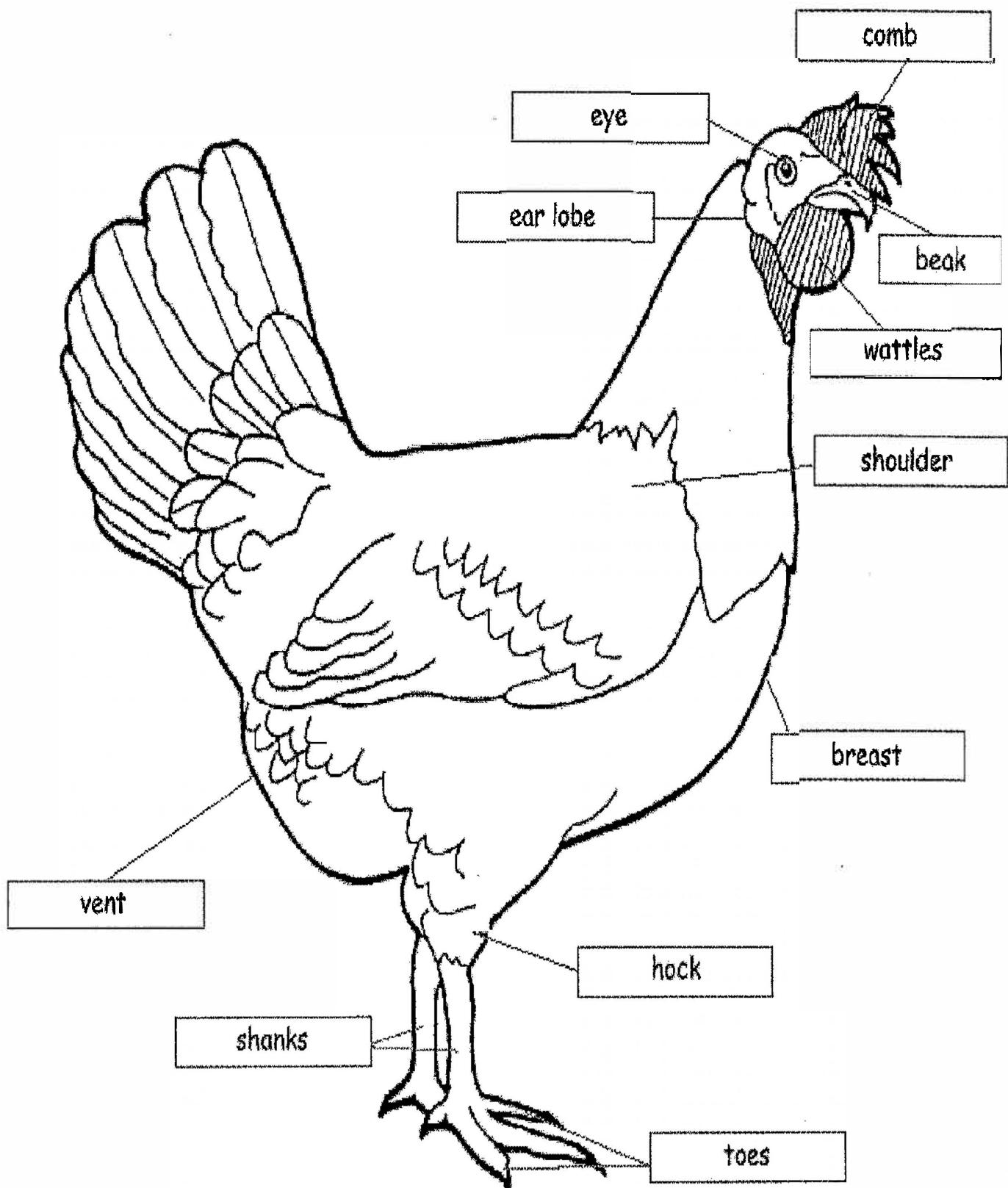
Air Cell



Outer Membrane

Shell

Parts of a Chicken





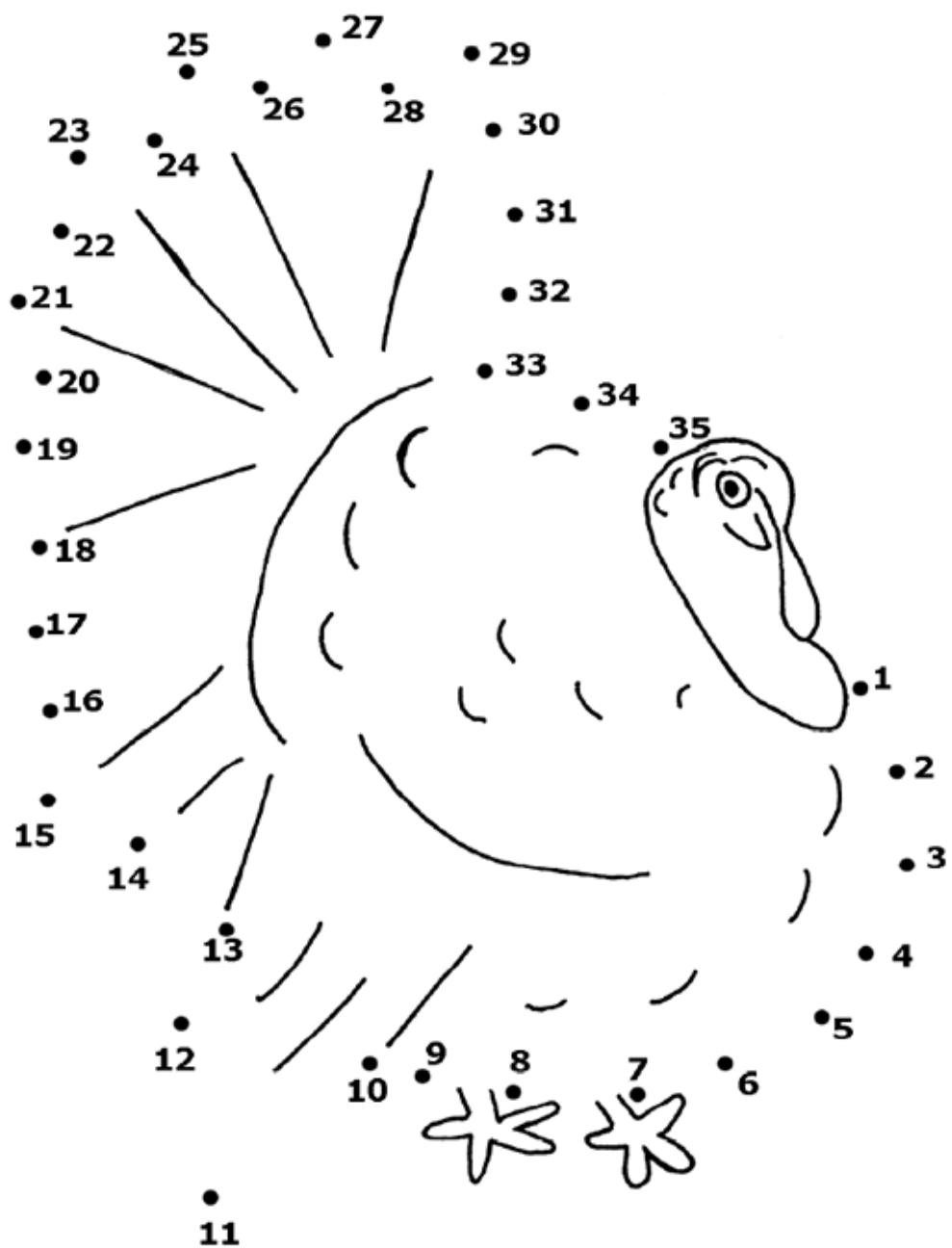
Can you find your way
through the maze?

Start



Finish

Connect the dots then color the picture.





Duck Plate



Supplies:

Construction Paper

Paper Plate

Yellow & Orange Craft Paint or Watercolor

1 Googly Eye

Directions:

- 1-Cut out a circle for the head and feet on construction paper
- 2-Paint paper plate yellow
- 3-Paint head & legs yellow & orange
- 4-Fold paper plate in half
- 5-Place legs in opening and staple closed
- 6-Glue head on & googley eye

Exhibit Requirements

Your project or poster will be exhibited at the Lawrence County 4-H Fair and placed in a special Mini 4-H section.

- All posters must be displayed horizontally and must be mounted on a stiff backing, covered in plastic or a plastic sleeve (foam board and plastic sleeves are available to buy at the Extension Office). Poster board alone is not acceptable. Instructions are on the next page.
- All exhibits must have a 2-inch by 4-inch label attached in the bottom right corner. It should list your name and your club name. If you made a poster, please make sure this label is under the plastic cover.
- The dates and times for bringing your non-animal projects will be posted online and in the 4-H newsletter.
- The judge may make suggestions about your exhibit, but there will be no placement judging or competition between mini 4-H members in the show arena. This includes ALL animal shows.
- Special Mini 4-H ribbons will be given to everyone who exhibits a project.
- You may show another 4-H member's animal at the fair, or bring your own the day of show. You may show only one animal. You must be able to handle the animal.
- *If you are showing any animal other than cat or dog, an adult must be in the arena with you at all times. If you are showing a horse, a parent must assist you in the ring.*
- Mini projects cannot exhibit at the State Fair.

What to Exhibit:

Exhibit one of the following:

1. One bird
2. Exhibit a 28" x 22" poster or a 3-5 page scrapbook (8-1/2" x 11"), or a small scale model, telling the story of an animal that you own and/or care for. Photographs may be used. Include a one line title for each picture.
 - a) All poster projects must be displayed horizontally and must be mounted on a stiff backing (foam boards are available for purchase in the Extension Office). Poster board alone is not acceptable. You must also label your poster in the lower right hand corner with a 2" x 4" label that you make yourself.
 - b) Scrapbook pages should be 8-1/2" x 11" and should be attached in a folder or 3-ring binder.
 - c) Animal models may be constructed of any modeling material that you choose. Display in a large, decorated (shoe) box. Attach a one page explanation of your model.

If you have any problems or questions, contact your 4-H club leader or the Lawrence County Extension Service Office, 924 16th St., Bedford, IN 47421 or call 812-275-4623.

MINI: HOW TO MAKE A POSTER

Your poster must be 22" x 28".

You can buy foam boards and plastic sleeves for covering them at the Extension Office. You can also attach a 22" X 28" poster board to the foam board with double-sided tape (this way you can reuse the foam board and sleeve for future poster projects).

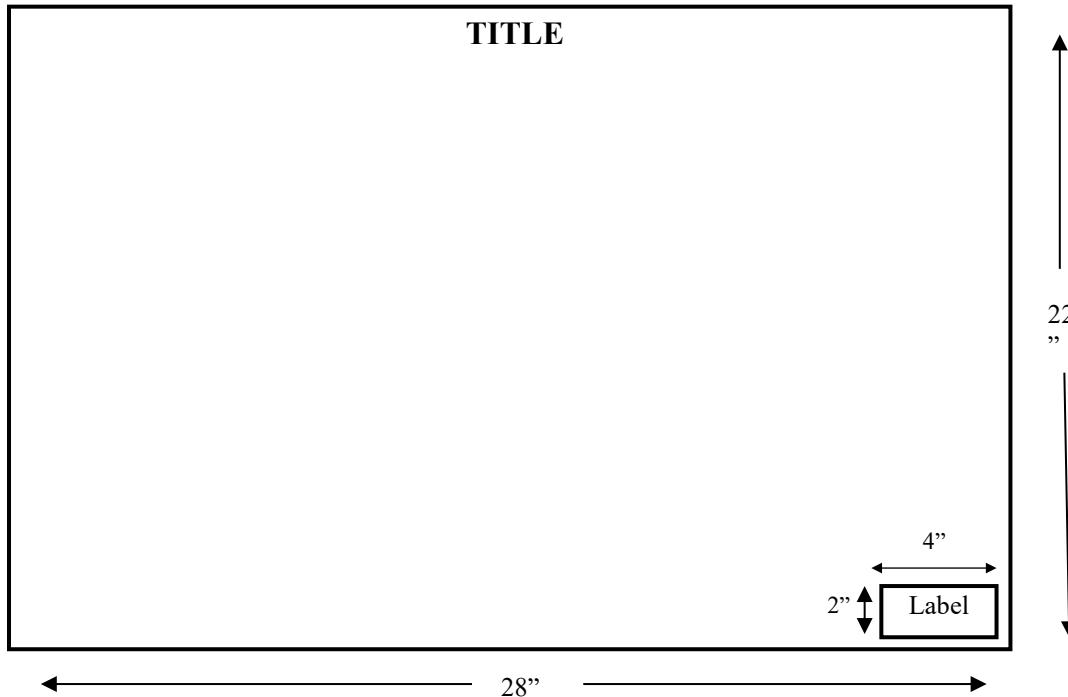
Your poster must be horizontal. See the sample below.

You will need a title at the top of the poster, and a 2' x 4" name label in the lower right corner. Put your project name, your name, grade, and the name of your 4-H club on the label.

When you are done, insert the poster into the plastic sleeve and seal the sleeve.

Your poster is ready for the 4-H Fair!

SAMPLE POSTER



LAWRENCE COUNTY
MINI 4-H RECORD SHEET

NAME _____ CLUB _____

YEAR IN MINI 4-H _____ GRADE (Oct 1 current enrollment year) _____ AGE _____

PARENT'S NAME _____

Which Mini 4-H project did you choose?

<input type="checkbox"/> AEROSPACE	<input type="checkbox"/> FINE ARTS	<input type="checkbox"/> PLANTS & FLOWERS
<input type="checkbox"/> BEEF	<input type="checkbox"/> FOODS	<input type="checkbox"/> POULTRY
<input type="checkbox"/> BICYCLE	<input type="checkbox"/> FORESTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> RABBITS
<input type="checkbox"/> BUGS	<input type="checkbox"/> GARDENING	<input type="checkbox"/> RECYCLING
<input type="checkbox"/> CATS	<input type="checkbox"/> GOATS	<input type="checkbox"/> SEWING
<input type="checkbox"/> COLLECTIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> HEALTH	<input type="checkbox"/> SHEEP
<input type="checkbox"/> CRAFTS	<input type="checkbox"/> HORSE & PONY	<input type="checkbox"/> SUN, STARS & SPACE
<input type="checkbox"/> DAIRY	<input type="checkbox"/> MODELS	<input type="checkbox"/> SWINE
<input type="checkbox"/> DINOSAURS	<input type="checkbox"/> MY PET & ME	<input type="checkbox"/> WHALES & DOLPHINS
<input type="checkbox"/> DOG OBEDIENCE	<input type="checkbox"/> OUTDOOR SKILLS	<input type="checkbox"/> WILDLIFE
<input type="checkbox"/> FARM ANIMALS		

Briefly describe your exhibit _____

How many hours did you spend on your project? _____

Money spent on your project: List supplies and costs. _____

Total \$ _____

What are three things you have learned this year in your Mini 4-H Project?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What are the most common mistakes you made while working on this project?

Thank you very much for trying a Mini 4-H project this year. We hope you had a lot of fun and learned something too!
You may have your leader review your record sheet if you want, but is not required.

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