

Hamilton County 4-H



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Manual*

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Everyone likes to receive a gift. The way it is wrapped and presented is almost as important as the choice of the gift itself. An attractively wrapped package shows thoughtfulness on the part of the giver. A nice looking gift creates enthusiasm and excitement for any occasion. A poorly wrapped gift usually indicates indifference on the part of the giver. Materials to wrap an attractive gift do not need to be expensive. Using the simplest of papers, neatly, with the appropriate ribbon can do the trick. Attachments to the ribbon and bow are welcome additions to the package and tape should not show

Through this project you will learn how to wrap all types of gifts beautifully and appropriately for every individual and for every occasion. In order to be successful in this, you Must **PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!!!** There are a few rules, however, real skill does come with the practice. Each package will become its own work of art and you will be the talk of the occasion.

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The Gift Wrap project a member selects is determined by grade level. Members must enroll in the grade level that they are currently enrolled in school. Once a project has been completed or exhibited at the 4-H Fair, the member is NOT eligible to enter that division again or a lower division. A Beginner Champion (Grades 3,4,5) an Intermediate Champion (Grades 6,7,8) and an Advanced Grand Champion (Grades 9,10,11,12) will be selected in Gift Wrap. Packages for exhibit should NOT contain an article. One overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected.

Product Guidelines and Exhibit Requirements:

Grade 3:

Must wrap four (4) packages during the year, not including the exhibit package. You may want to do more. Practice making neat seams, folding the edges of the paper under to create a straight, nicely creased edge.

Exhibit:

Wrap a shirt box (approximately 14 ½" long x 9" wide x 2 ¼" deep). No bow, ribbon or decoration of any kind should be added to the package. A small card should be attached underneath the package but not covering the seam with the following information: Occasion _____; Age of person receiving the gift _____; Is the gift for a male or female _____? Exhibit tag should be completely filled out and taped to the lower right-hand corner on the top of the package. Judging will be based on neatness only!

Grade 4:

Must wrap six packages during the year, not including the exhibit package. You may do more. Learn to make simple, self made bows with loops. Decorate the outside of the box to accent the contents, such as if a shirt, decorate the outside with a tie, etc.

Exhibit:

Wrap a shirt box (approximately 14 ½" long x 9" wide x 2 ¼" deep. A self-made bow with loops is to be attached to the package. A small card is to be attached underneath the package but not covering the seam with the following information: Occasion _____; Contents of Package _____; Age of person receiving the gift _____; Is the gift for a male or female _____? Exhibit tag should be filled out completely and tied to the top of the package within the ribbon or bow so it can be easily moved when being judged. Judging will be based on neatness, originality, creativity and appropriateness of materials chosen.

Grade 5:

Wrap six packages during the year, not including the exhibit package. You may do more. Be creative and imaginative by incorporating fancy ideas like flowers, bells, animals, leftover cards, etc. Learn to wrap a suit box or large, deep box. Make and use self made bows only.

Exhibit:

Wrap a suit box (approximately 24" long x 14" wide x 4 ¼" deep). A self-made bow with loops is to be attached to the package. A small card is to be attached underneath the package but not covering the seam with the following information: Occasion_____; Contents of Package_____; Age of person receiving the gift_____; Is the gift for a male or female_____? Exhibit tag should be filled out completely and tied to the top of the package within the ribbon or bow so it can be easily moved when being judged. Judging will be based on neatness, originality, creativity and appropriateness of materials chosen.

Grade 6:

Must wrap eight packages during the year, not including the exhibit package. You may always do more. Remember, skill comes with practice. Wrap large, deep packages with or without commercial wrapping paper and self made bows. Practice lining insides of boxes neatly with tissue paper.

Exhibit:

Wrap a large, deep box (no rim) 9" x 9" x 9". A self-made bow with loops is to be attached to the package. A small card is to be attached underneath the package but not covering the seam with the following information: Occasion_____; Contents of Package_____; Age of person receiving the gift_____; Is the gift for a male or female_____? Exhibit tag should be filled out completely and tied to the top of the package within the ribbon or bow so it can be easily moved when being judged. Judging will be based on neatness, originality, creativity and appropriateness of materials chosen.

Grade 7:

Must wrap ten (10) packages during the year, not including the exhibit package. May design and use your own paper on at least six (6) of these packages. Suggestions and ideas are found in the section pertaining to paper in this manual. **REMEMBER:** Make your own bows and trimmings. Some suggestions to use in place of ribbon and bows are yarn, strips of fabric, pine cones, small articles, felt, burlap flowers, fabric flowers, etc. By now you should have gained skill and knowledge enough to create a "work of art".

Exhibit:

Wrap a small, jewelry type box (approximately 3" long x 2" wide x 1" deep or 8" long x 2" wide x 1" deep, approx. within an inch). A self-made bow with loops is to be attached to the package. Exhibit tag should be filled out completely and tied to the top of the package within the ribbon or bow so it can be easily moved when being judged. Judging will be based on neatness, originality, creativity, and appropriateness of materials chosen.

Grade 8:

Must wrap ten packages during the year, not including the exhibit package. May design and use your own paper on at least six of these packages. Suggestions and ideas are found in the section pertaining to paper in this manual. **REMEMBER:** Make your own bows and trimmings. Some suggestions to use in place of ribbon and bows are yarn, strips of fabric, pine cones, small articles, felt, burlap flowers, fabric flowers, etc. By now you should have gained skill and knowledge enough to create a "work of art".

Exhibit:

Wrap a package with top and bottom wrapped separately. **Lid must be removable in order to judge the inside of the box. Box must have tissue inside.** A self-made bow with loops is to be attached to the package. A small card should be attached underneath package but not covering the seam with the following information: Occasion _____; Contents of Package _____; Age of the person receiving the gift _____; Is the gift for a male or female _____? Exhibit tag should be filled out completely and tied to the top of the package within the ribbon or bow so it can be easily moved when being judged. Judging will be based on neatness, originality, creativity and appropriateness of materials chosen.

Grade 9:

Must wrap ten packages during the year, not including the exhibit package. May design and use your own paper on at least six of these packages. Suggestions and ideas are found in the section pertaining to paper in this manual. **REMEMBER:** Make your own bows and trimmings. Some suggestions to use in place of ribbon and bows are yarn, strips of fabric, pine cones, small articles, felt, burlap flowers, fabric flowers, etc. By now you should have gained skill and knowledge enough to create a "work of art".

Exhibit:

Wrap a package of any shape or size with non-commercial paper and a self-made bow that contains loops. (see Gift Wrap manual for ideas of non-commercial papers). A small card should be attached underneath the package but not covering the seam with the following information: Occasion _____; Contents of Package _____; Age of the person receiving the gift _____; Is the gift for a male or female _____? Exhibit tag should be filled out completely and tied to the top of the package within the ribbon or bow so it can be easily moved when being judged. Judging will be based on neatness, originality, creativity and appropriateness of materials chosen.

Grade 10:

Must wrap ten packages during the year, not including the exhibit package. May design and use your own paper on at least six of these packages. Suggestions and ideas are found in the section pertaining to paper in the manual. **REMEMBER:** Make your own bows and trimmings. Some suggestions to use in place of ribbon and bows are yarn, strips of fabric, pine cones, small articles, felt, burlap flowers, fabric flowers, etc. By now you should have gained skill and knowledge enough to create a "work of art".

Exhibit:

Wrap a cylinder. The ends must be covered. A self-made bow with loops must be included. A small card should be attached underneath the package but not covering the seam with the following information: Occasion _____; Contents of Package _____; **HOW TO OPEN THE PACKAGE** _____; Age of person receiving the gift _____; Is the gift for a male or female _____? Exhibit tag should be filled out completely and tied to the top of the package within the ribbon or bow so it can be easily moved when being judged. Judging will be based on neatness, originality, creativity, and the appropriateness of materials chosen.

Grade 11:

Must wrap ten packages during the year, not including the exhibit package. May design and use your own paper on at least six of these packages. Suggestions and ideas are found in the section pertaining to paper in this manual. **REMEMBER:** Make your own bows and trimmings. Some suggestions to use in place of ribbon and bows are yarn, strips of fabric, pine cones, small articles, felt, burlap flowers, fabric flowers, etc. By now you should have gained skill and knowledge enough to create a "work of art".

Exhibit:

Individually wrap a series (of not more than three) of boxes in tiers. Package must include a self-made bow with loops. A small card should be attached underneath the package but not covering the seam with the following information: Occasion _____; Contents of Package _____; Age of the person receiving the gift _____; Is the gift for a male or female _____? Exhibit tag should be filled out completely and attached to the top of the package so it can be easily removed when being judged. Judging will be based on neatness, originality, creativity and appropriateness of materials chosen.

Grade 12:

Must wrap ten packages during the year, not including the exhibit package. May design and use your own paper on at least six of these packages. Suggestions and ideas are found in the section pertaining to paper in this manual. **REMEMBER:** Make your own bows and trimmings. Some suggestions to use in place of ribbon and bows are yarn, strips of fabric, pine cones, small articles, felt, burlap flowers, fabric flowers, etc. By now you should have gained skill and knowledge enough to create a "work of art".

Exhibit:

Wrap two separate coordinating packages using any materials other than paper and bows. The two packages must be physically connected in some manner. A small card should be attached underneath the package but not covering the seam with the following information: Occasion _____; Contents of Package _____; Age of the person receiving the gift _____; Is the gift for a male or female _____? Exhibit tag should be filled out completely and attached to the top of the package so it can be easily removed when being judged. Judging will be based on neatness, originality, creativity and appropriateness of materials chosen.