

CREATE YOUR OWN THING

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be *BOLDED and ITALICIZED*! Pay special attention to any projects with *BOLD, ITALICIZED WORDS* because they have changed from last year.

Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for Create Your Own Thing			
Division/Level	Grades (suggested)	Completion Activities Needed*	Maximum State Fair Entries
Level 1	Grades 3-5	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	No State Fair Entry
Level 2	Grades 6-8	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	No State Fair Entry
Level 3	Grades 9-12	EXHIBITION –or– RECORD SHEET	No State Fair Entry

Remember: All posters, notebooks, and display boards **MUST** include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the way references are listed. Reference Sheets are available at the Extension Office for use if needed. For personal safety, do not include personally identifiable information such as mailing address or phone numbers on posters/displays/exhibits.

SUGGESTED REFERENCE MATERIALS (available for purchase in Extension Office or as a free download on the Hendricks County Extension Website)

- Create Your Own Thing Book (All Levels)

GUIDELINES

1. Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Guidelines for poster and general display guidelines.
2. Be sure to enroll in the project on 4-HOnline and enter exhibit information into FairEntry by designated date.
2025 designated FairEntry Deadline is Tuesday, July 1st at 11:59 p.m.
3. Complete the Record Sheet (if not exhibiting at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair).
4. This project is open to any age 4-H'er who has a special interest in an area which is not included in an existing 4-H project. It is a great opportunity to "do your thing." See project manual for details.
a. Any writing, poems, or stories should be entered into the Creative Writing Project. See page 46.
5. Be sure to enroll in the project on 4-HOnline and enter exhibit information into FairEntry by designated date.
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PROJECT JUDGING CRITERIA

1. Appearance – attractive in color and decoration
2. Workmanship – neat and clean
3. Function and/or decorative quality of this item
4. Creativity in design and/or materials
5. Overall appeal of project
6. Exhibits cannot exceed 28" x 36" (no height restriction).

EXHIBIT CLASSES

Level 1: Grade 3-5 (suggested)

Exhibit your create your own thing project. You may show, in any way you like, what you have accomplished in the project. Your project record sheet should accompany exhibit. Exhibits cannot exceed 28"x36". If larger than that size, it will not be exhibited during the fair. Highly recommended to provide protective covering for your project, but not required (i.e. plastic covering, display box, etc.).

Level 2: Grade 6-8 (suggested)

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Level 3: Grade 9-12 (suggested)

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