



Project Title: Arts and Crafts, Reed Craft

Description:

Allows youth to learn life skills and grow in project knowledge while expressing creativity in creating an article using reed craft skills.

State Fair Entries:

5 entries total per county in the Arts and Crafts categories: Candle Making, Pottery, Ceramics, Latch Hook, Macramé, Metalcraft, Misc. Craft, Wearable Art, Holiday Project, Leathercraft, Reed craft

Exhibit Guidelines:

Division	Project Book
Beginner (Grades 3, 4, 5)	County Packet
Intermediate (Grades 6, 7, 8)	County Packet
Advanced (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)	County Packet

[Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) may be used, with parent permission, when creating this exhibit and is to be documented as a reference. A majority of the work to create this exhibit is to be the 4-H member's original work.](#)

Youth may exhibit any art or craft that does not meet exhibit requirements in Fine Arts, Needle Craft, Model Craft or Construction and Architectural Replica.

Exhibitors should be considerate of space. Exhibits too large to safely move or requiring lots of space should be exhibited using photographs and a description of work in a notebook.

All arts and craft exhibits must include a [4-H Craft Information Card, 4-H 618A](#). This information card is to describe work completed so the judge can more accurately evaluate the exhibit.

If multiple pieces make up the exhibit, a photograph of the complete exhibit should be attached to the exhibit so the total exhibit can properly be displayed. For safety purposes any craft exhibit that resembles a sword, knife, or look-a-like weapon will be judged but will not be displayed.

The following guidelines are SUGGESTIONS ONLY, based on past project requirements. Exhibits will not be penalized if they deviate from the suggestions. Exhibits should showcase age-appropriate skills of the exhibitor.

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

Beginner (grades 3-5 suggested)

Create and exhibit one age/grade appropriate artwork.

Suggestion: One article (Basket) using beginner skills.

Some suggested beginner skills include: Have a Start-Stop weave; be approximately 12 inches or less at the base; be no taller than approximately 12 inches.

Consider using one of the following: handles; legs; triple weave; twinning arrow; decreased sides; added decorative strips using ash, poplar, maple, cherry, or walnut; decorative curls; inserts.

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Intermediate (grades 6-8 suggested)

Create and exhibit one age/grade appropriate artwork.

Suggestion: One article recommended below. Second and third years in this level should use different options or skills than previously completed.

- Basket- Consider using one or more of the following skills: solid bottom; round bottom; heart shaped bottom; basket with dividers; wrapped handles; continuous weaves; stain reed using natural products (not commercial dyes).
- Set of 2 placemats
- Picnic or laundry basket

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Advanced (grades 9-12 suggested)

Create and exhibit one age/grade appropriate artwork.

Suggestion: One article recommended below. Second and third years in this level should use different options or skills than previously completed.

- Basket- consider using one or more of the following skills: wrapped rim; braided rim; twill weave; chase weave; double wall; Eye of God pattern; Cherokee basket or bowl; cat ear bottom; basket with woven lid; use a material other than reed (cane, pine, needle, willow hardwoods, grape vines, seagrass, etc.)
- Laundry hamper
- Set of baskets (2 or more each of different size or shape)
- Design your own basket and exhibit with your pattern

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