

Mini 4-H Arts & Crafts

- Mini 4-H is open to youth who are currently in **Kindergarten, first, or second grade** at the time of their enrollment on 4HOnline.
- Enroll in Mini 4-H through the 4HOnline website by January 15, <https://in.4HOnline.com>
- There is no state program fee or manual fee for Mini 4-H, a local club fee may apply.
- Each Mini 4-H member can enroll in up to 5 mini 4-H projects and is able to **exhibit 2 mini-projects** at the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair.
- All projects to be exhibited must be entered into Fairentry.com (<https://stjoseph-in.fairentry.com>) prior to check-in.
- All Mini 4-H projects are checked in on Monday or Tuesday of project turn-in week, one week before fair starts, in the 4-H Exhibit Hall of the Esther Singer Building. Enter Gate 2 off Ironwood Road.
- Your completed Mini 4-H project will receive a 4-H ribbon once it is exhibited at the 4-H Fair.



ARTS & CRAFTS:

You will create a piece of art by experiencing the fun of exploring and feeling new textures and art forms.

Exhibit Requirements: You will select and make one Arts & Crafts exhibit from the Arts & Crafts Section of your manual.

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge...



My head to clearer thinking



My heart to greater loyalty



My hands to larger service



My health to better living

For my CLUB, my COMMUNITY, my COUNTRY, and my WORLD.



How to make a poster



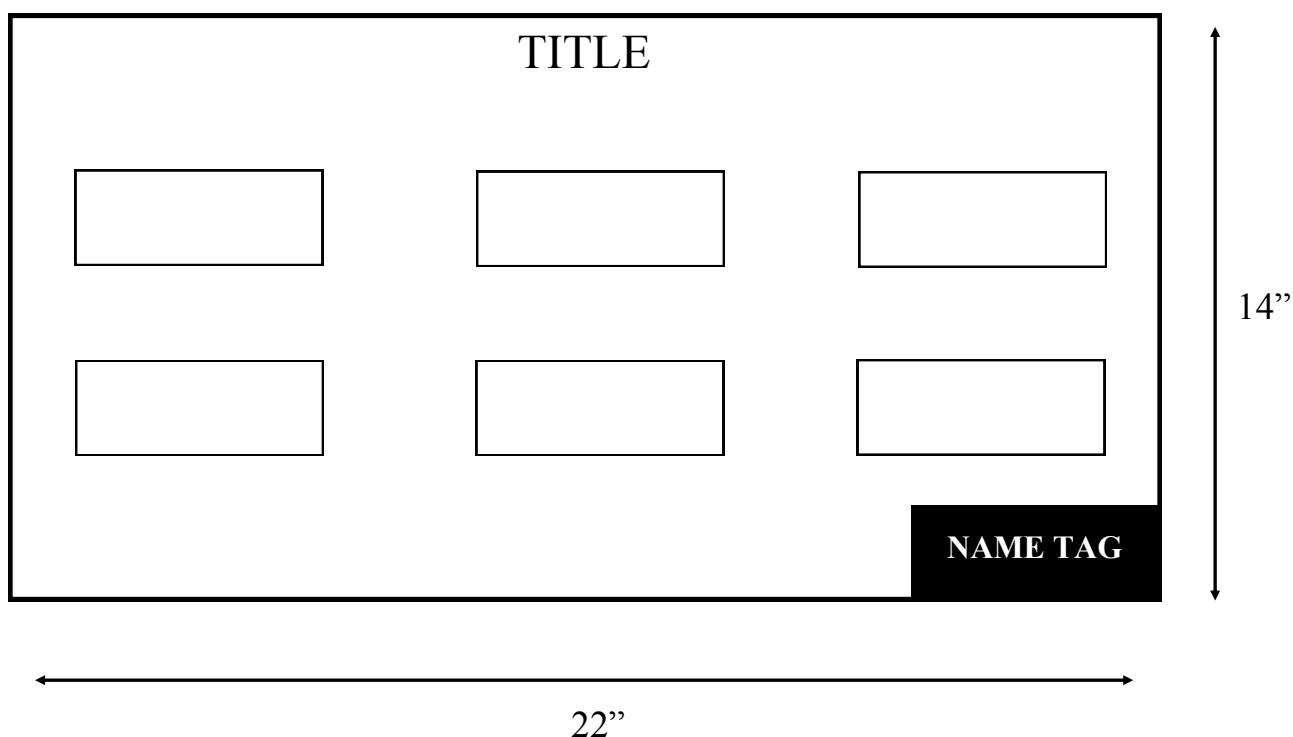
To make your poster, you will need posterboard, stiff backing, and clear plastic (optional). All of these items can be purchased in a store. Posterboard is usually purchased in 22" x 28" pieces. You will need to cut this in half to make it a 14" x 22" size.

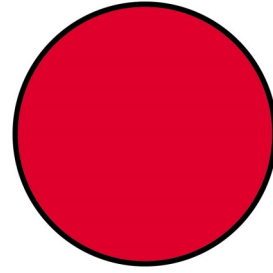
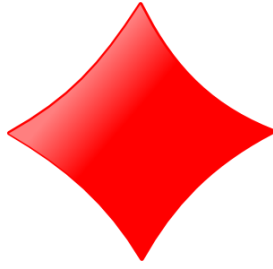
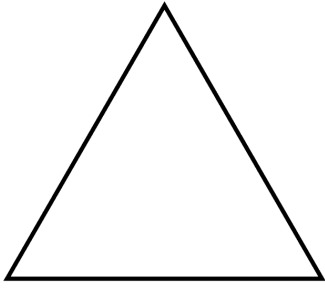
Your first step will be to glue the posterboard onto a stiff backing. The backing can be two pieces of cardboard glued together, old paneling, plywood, or anything else that will make your poster stiff.

Next, mount the items that are to be displayed on the poster. Mount them horizontally.

Title your poster.

Cover your poster with plastic and you are ready for the 4-H Fair!





GEOMETRIC DESIGNS

Materials:

(1) 14" x 22" white paper

(1) 14" x 22" piece of construction paper– whichever color you choose

Black crayon

A set of watercolor paints and a paintbrush

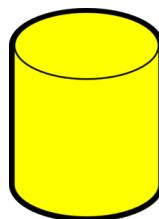
Container of water

Paper towels

Steps:

1. Select one geometric shape, such as a square, circle or triangle, and using the black crayon, draw that shape on the paper.
2. Using the water colors, paint the shapes. Try to use many colors.
3. When completed, let it dry thoroughly and mount on your colored 14" x 22" piece of construction paper.

This gives you many ways to do the same shape, so HAVE FUN!



MOD PODGE PLAQUE

Definition– Mod Podge is a water-based sealer, glue, and finish for all surfaces. It comes in two finishes, Matte-mat or Glossy and is available at most craft stores.

Materials you will need:

1. Newspapers
2. Picture or design from a magazine, greeting cards, or own creation to be mounted
3. Wooden plaque, 5"x 7" or smaller
4. Small brush (water color brush works well) or sponge
5. Mod Podge
6. Clear acrylic sealer or Fun Finish

Steps:

1. Cover work area with old newspapers
2. Apply a thin coat of Mad Podge with brush or sponge to entire surface of wooden plaque. Let dry for 15-20 minutes to seal.
3. Apply moderate coat to plaque surface then position picture or design plaque.
4. Smooth out air bubbles with tips of fingers. Work from middle out if in middle of plaque.

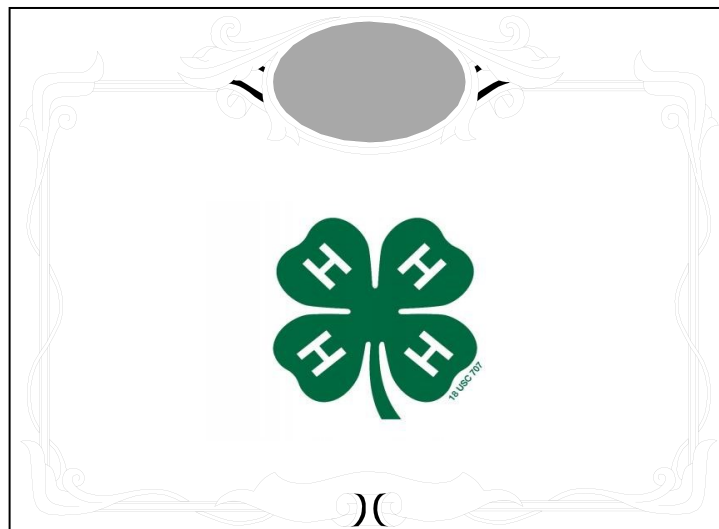
FINISHES

Quick Finish

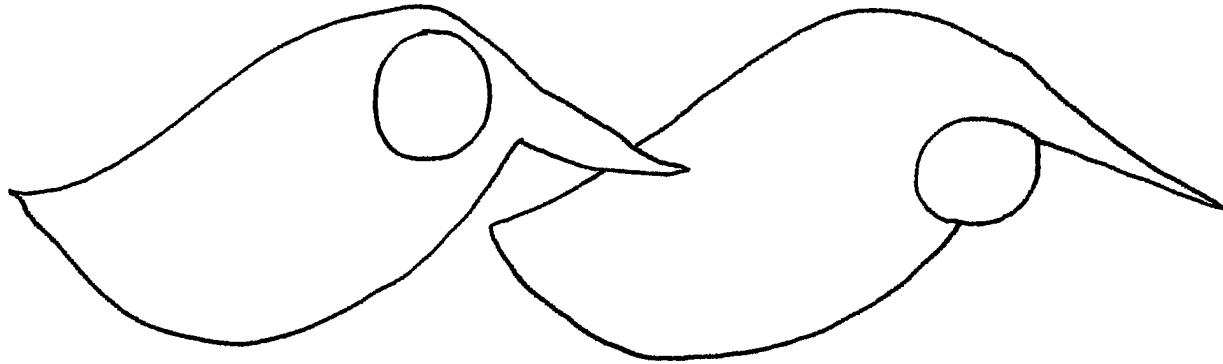
1. Apply smooth moderate coat of Mod Podge over picture or design on plaque and let dry for 15-20 minutes.
2. Additional coats may be applied, if desired, but be sure to let dry for 15-20 minutes.

Texture Finish

1. To eliminate tackiness, apply clear Acrylic Sealer or Fun Finish over DRY Mod Podge.
2. Clean up work area



Bird Collage



Materials:

White paper 16" x 22"

Different colored tissue paper

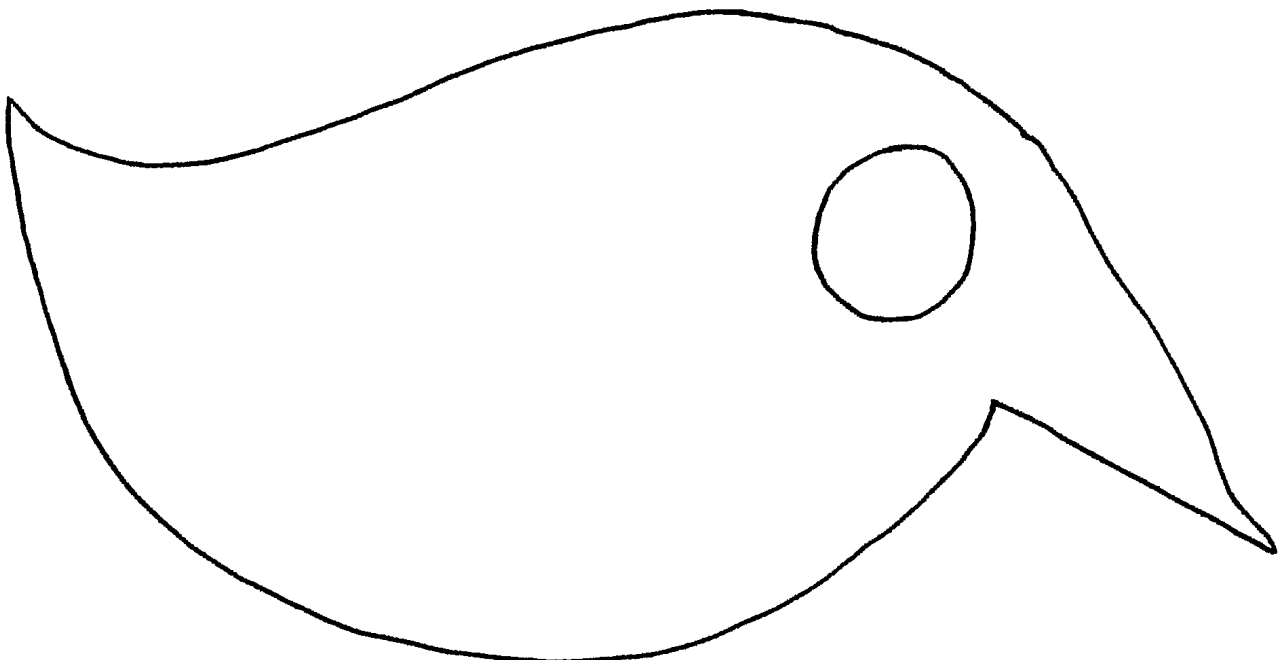
Shiny red paper

Scissors

Glue

Use the pattern below for all the birds. Trace your own. The beaks are made from shiny paper. The eyes are circles of tissue paper.

You may use a pattern of your choice.



Potholder



Materials:

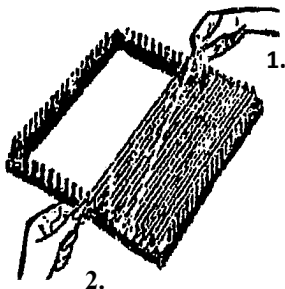
Hand weaving loom and hook

Jersey or nylon loops for weaving. Available in solid or assorted colors at local stores.

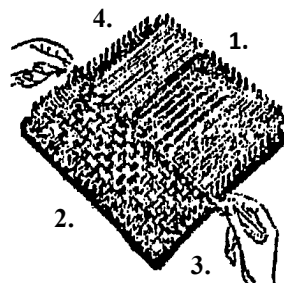
Steps:

1. Place loops across the loom on each of the pegs from side 1 to side 2 as shown in illustration A.
2. The cross weaving is done by pushing the needle through the loops under or over one or more strands from side 4 to side 3, in illustration B the loop is hooked on the opposite peg on side 4. Continue until all pegs are covered by having loops woven through from one side to the other.
3. WARNING! Do not remove potholder from the loom until edges are finished.
4. Finish the potholders by interlacing one loop with another as shown in illustration C. The crochet hook is pulled through the corner loop to catch second loop which is pulled through and then the third loop is pulled through the second loop and the fourth loop is pulled through the third loop.
5. Continue around the potholder, weaving the last loop in the fourth corner loose to serve as a loop to hang the potholder on a hook. See illustration D.

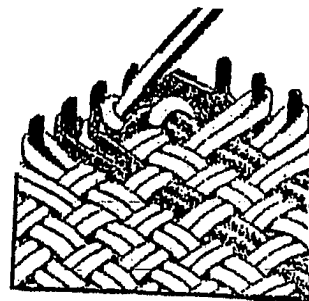
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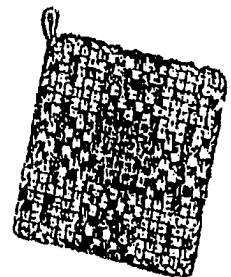
A.



B.



C.



D.

Texture Seed Picture



Materials Needed:

Heavy cardboard, plywood or paneling size 14" x 22"

Different kinds of seeds from the list below

Glue (squeeze bottle)

Old newspaper



Seed List:

Corn (yellow, white or popcorn)

Navy beans (small, round, white beans)

Kidney beans (dark, reddish brown)

Great Northern beans (large, white beans)

Lima beans (large, light green beans)

Rice (white, long shape)

Soy beans (small, round, light yellow)

Dried peas (small, wrinkled, green)

Sunflower seeds (black and white striped)

Pumpkin seeds (large, flat, white seed)

Watermelon seeds (flat, black seeds)

Cantaloupe seeds (narrow, white seed)

Barley (flat, tan color)

Any other seed you choose



Directions:

1. Cover your work area with old newspaper to protect it.
2. Draw or trace a picture on the heavy board.
3. Squeeze glue around the outline of the picture.
4. Place seeds on the glue outline.
5. Glue on different kinds of seeds to fill in the outside of the picture.
6. Add extras, such as yarn, feathers, or beads if you want to.
7. Keep your seed picture flat overnight so it can dry.
8. Clean up your work area.

Macramé Belt

Make a macramé belt. Practice a bit and after you master this easy belt, you can try variations. Use any flexible string, cording, or heavy yarn. This belt requires four lengths of whichever material you choose to use.



Materials You Will Need:

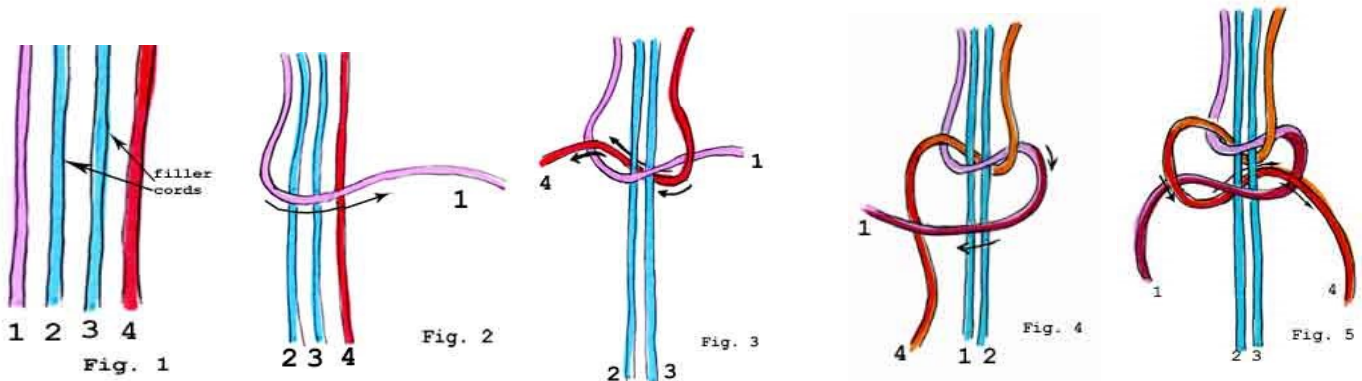
Flexible string, cord, or heavy yarn

Tape measure and yard stick

Scissors

Steps:

1. Cut two 60" lengths and two 160" lengths
2. Knot one 60" and one 160" length together, 18" from the end
3. Repeat with other strands
4. Secure ends, knot together with 60" lengths in the center. This means that the two 160" strands will be on the outside and the two 60" strands will be on the inside. *Note: the outside strands are the knotting cords and the inside strands are the filler cords.
5. Clamp knots on a clipboard, pin to a mattress, or close knots in a drawer to secure while working
6. Make a square knot as shown in Figure 5 below and repeat for 23" or 24", or big enough to go around your waist.
7. Knot ends as you did when you began, leaving 18" and cut. This belt is finished and the twist flattens when you wear it.



POMPON PETS

Pompons are fun to make and fun to use. While they may be used for a variety of decorative accessories, for Mini 4-H we suggest that you try a variety of fuzzy, cuddly little pets.

SIMPLE STEPS FOR MAKING POMPONS:

1. Make cardboard circles.
2. Wind yarn around the rings.
3. Cut the yarn and tie.
4. Trim to shape.

TO MAKE A MOUSE YOU WILL NEED:

- 1/2 oz. wool yarn
- Cardboard
- Scissors
- Seed beads for eyes
- Felt for ears

Draw a circle on your cardboard around a small glass and a small circle in the center using a coin to draw around. (The larger the center circle, the more yarn you will need to complete the pompon). You will need two of these.

Cut several strands of yarn the same length, place the cardboard circles together and begin to wind the yarn around the frame as evenly as possible. Keep the cut ends of yarn to the outer edge. When the center hole gets almost filled and you can't push the yarn through with your fingers, thread the yarn into a blunt needle and continue until the hole is completely filled. The better the hole is filled the fatter and rounder your pompon will be.

Now begin to cut the strands of yarn at the outside edge. Use sharp scissors and cut only a few strands at a time. Do not pull the yarn as you cut or you will pull the strands out of shape. When all strands are cut, begin to open the cardboard rings using the tips of the scissors.

When you have exposed the center, tie it around with string and make a strong knot. Now snip carefully just through the cardboard and remove the rings. Make another pompon for the head using a darning needle threaded with yarn and knotted at the end, draw the yarn through the center and draw the two pompons together. Trim the head to shape and attach heart-shaped felt pieces for ears and beads for eyes and a nose.

Experiment with a variety of trims & shapes to make other animals.

