

# 4-H Houseplant and Cutflower Exhibits

Blue \_\_\_\_\_

Red \_\_\_\_\_

White \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit Goal \_\_\_\_\_

The judge will use the appropriate criteria in each box below that relates to your goal and exhibit.  
The comments will explain strengths and suggestions for you about the exhibit.

	Very Good	Improvement Needed	
		Some	Much
<p><b>LEARNING INVOLVED</b> (Consider decision making process used, how problems were solved, new skills developed, how gathered information was used.)</p>			
<p><b>WORKMANSHIP AND TECHNIQUES</b> (Quality and condition, houseplant is adaptable to indoor environment, labeled properly.)</p>			
<p><b>GENERAL APPEARANCE AND DESIGN</b></p>			

# EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR HOUSEPLANT AND CUTFLOWER EXHIBITS

The evaluation process will begin with a clear, concise exhibit goal.

## **LEARNING INVOLVED**

- The exhibit should show or indicate work done in your project during the year.
- What were the most important things you learned as you worked toward your goal? Include both knowledge and skills you learned.
- How did you go about working toward your goal? Tell about the information used, decisions that were made, problems faced and how they were solved, what worked well, etc.

**WORKMANSHIP AND TECHNIQUES** (You can use 4-H project manuals to get information on acceptable measures of quality related to exhibits.)

- **Quality and condition:** Specimens should be free of insect and disease damage and free of bruising, mechanical damage, and weather blemishes. All specimens should be free of soil and spray residue and dust. The bloom should be at the proper stage for display. The plants and cutflowers should be prepared for exhibit as defined in 4H-464, *Preparing Cutflowers and Houseplants for Exhibit*. Specimens improperly prepared will be given a lower score. Foliage on cutflower stem should not be in the water. Houseplants should be an adequate size for the container and show signs of new growth.
- **Uniformity:** If more than one specimen or stem is required per exhibit, they should be identical in size, shape, color, and degree of maturity.
- **Properly labeled:** Houseplants should be labeled with the common name and, if possible, the scientific name (example: English Ivy, *Hedera helix*). Cutflowers should be labeled with flower name and cultivar (example: kind - *zinnia*, cultivar - '*Pink Pinwheel*').

## **GENERAL APPEARANCE AND DESIGN**

- The cutflower vase or houseplant container should compliment, not dominate, the exhibit. Houseplant containers should be suitable for good plant growth. The vase or container should be proportional to the size flower or plant.

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