What’s the judge looking for?

For all exhibits, be prepared to explain:

1) What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
2) What steps did you take to learn or do this? Explain what you wanted to do so it is easily understood.
3) What were the most important things you learned?

Product (pillow, furniture, quilt, wall hanging, etc.)

- Development/learning of new skills/techniques and an explanation of how they were learned.
- Exhibit fits well into the room for which it was intended. Member can explain choices made related to design elements and art principles as appropriate* for the exhibit and member goals.

This fit would include:

  - Color – Do the colors chosen work well with others in the room? Are the colors pleasing to the eye?
  - Size (Space, Scale) – Does the item fit well in the room/on the wall?
  - Shape (Line, Shape, Proportion) – Does the product’s shape compliment others in the room? Is its shape of similar style to the rest of them items?
  - Harmony (Texture, Balance, Rhythm, Emphasis) – How does this product blend with others in the room?

*It would be appropriate to explain choices made for nearly all accessory exhibits (wall, room, table, etc.) and room design/room makeover exhibits.

- Workmanship and techniques used result in a product that well is finished. Examples include:
  - Fabrics – no frays, no loose ends, sturdy construction, neat, “store bought” quality at a minimum.
  - Woods – smooth finish, sturdy construction, joints secure, and fasteners inconspicuous.

- Safety precautions were taken.
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Idea (poster, notebook, display, etc.)

- Evidence of learning, research, decision making, problem solving, or skill development.
- Neat and attractive exhibit.
- Judge can see that thought and effort went into the exhibit.
- Credible resources cited. Copyright guidelines followed

Home Improvement Resources

- See the Design Elements and Art Principles Tip Sheet
- Pulling it Together (4H 492) [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/4H492.pdf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/4H492.pdf)
- Design Decisions (4H 491)