

Exhibit Evaluation Card

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Lot 3

Please respond briefly to the following questions about the exhibit.

1.) What was your goal(s)?

I wanted to create an afghan to give to my mother as a Christmas Present.

I wanted to practice and improve crocheting.

2.) How did you go about working toward your goal(s)?

I decided to crochet an afghan.

I went to the store and bought skeins of yarn in three different colors.

I started the afghan with the off white yarn using a chain stitch for the first row.

I alternated between the three colors of yarn: Off white, Colonial Blue Omb, Off White, Air Force Blue, Off White, etc.

I only used the Double Crochet stitch in my afghan and I didn't follow any pattern or directions.

I finished the afghan and gave it to my mom.

3.) What were the most important things you learned as you worked toward your goal?

I learned that it takes a long time to complete an afghan. My mom didn't get it for Christmas, because it took too long.

I learned that the chain stitches at the beginning of the afghan need to be even or it throws the other rows off.

I learned that all of the stitches need to be even or the afghan looks funny.

I learned that you need to buy all of the yarn at one time and plan better.

I learned that you should use all of the same brand of yarn, because the Air Force Blue is a different brand name of yarn and it has a different texture than the other two colors.

4.) Do you have ideas of what you would like to do in this project area next year?

I want to learn other crochet stitches and how to read crochet directions.

Next year, I plan on making some snowflakes using different crochet stitches and following crochet directions.

(I over-explained many of these elements. The 4-H'er can write a basic description of the main two elements and/or principles used and then be prepared to explain it in greater detail to the judge.)

Design Elements:

Line

I used vertical lines in the stripes of color in my afghan. Next time I would use horizontal lines, (that would go across the bed, instead of down the bed), because it would look more restful and calming.

Color

I used three colors in my afghan: Off White, Air Force Blue, and Colonial Blue Omb. Blue is my favorite color. It is a cool color, so it has a calming effect in a room. The Air Force Blue is a very intense and dark shade of blue, so it stands out. The Colonial Blue Omb starts out with a blue of a dull intensity. It then fades into lighter tints of blue, until it is almost white with a bluish tint. This has a calming effect. The Off White stripes contrast with the Blue yarns.

Texture

The Off White and Colonial Blue Omb are very soft yarns. The Air Force Blue does not have as soft as a texture. This adds contrast between the stripes. Next time, I would use yarn of the same texture, because the coarser yarn does not fit with the purpose of the afghan. Afghan should be softer and cuddly.

Space

The afghan is large enough to fit on a queen size bed, which was the purpose of creating it.

Shape

The afghan is a rectangle, because the bed is a rectangle. I didn't want to make a square afghan, because it wouldn't fit on the bed right.

Art Principles:

Rhythm

I created rhythm by alternating the stripes. The rhythm is Off white, Colonial Blue, Off White, Air Force Blue, etc.

Proportion

I made all of the stripes the same size. If the stripes were of different sizes, the larger ones would stand and I didn't want that. I wanted the colors of the stripes to stand out, not the size of the stripes.

Emphasis

The colors of the stripes create emphasis. Your eyes are drawn to the darker blue stripes.

Balance

The afghan has a symmetrical balance down the center of the afghan, because all of the stripes have the same number of rows. The afghan is the same pattern over and over, which creates balance.

Unity

The afghan almost has complete unity. The only problem is that the texture of the Air Force Blue yarn detracts from the completeness of the project.

I decided to make this project after:

I have seen afghans all over and I wanted to make my own. I have a friend who has made afghans similar to this one in the stitch used and I liked how they looked. I didn't use any written pattern.