

4-H HOME IMPROVEMENT EXHIBITS



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.



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>
- Design Decisions (4H 491)
- Design: Exploring the Elements and Principles (4H 634)
<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=464>
- Color Wheel (4H 633) <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=463>