

Plastic Canvas Craft (Arts and Crafts, General)

This manual handout provides the state rules updated in 2022 and additionally provides county guidelines with ideas to help members select an exhibit option that fits with state guidelines. This page provides state guidelines should a Putnam plastic canvas craft project be selected as one of five (5) state general craft projects to advance on to the Indiana State Fair. Otherwise this is a Putnam County only project to be exhibited. The Putnam County guidelines fall within the state guidelines.

Project Title: Arts and Crafts, General

Description:

Allows youth to learn life skills and grow in project knowledge while expressing creativity in a variety of mediums.

State Fair Entries:

5 entries per county as determined by the county 4-H educator and fair officials.

Exhibit Guidelines:

Youth may exhibit any art or craft that does not meet exhibit requirements in Fine Arts, Needle Craft, Model Craft or Construction and Architectural Replica.

Exhibitors should be considerate of space. Exhibits too large to safely move or requiring lots of space should be exhibited using photographs and a description of work in a notebook.

All arts and craft exhibits must include a [4-H Craft Information Card, 4-H 618A](#). This information card is to describe work completed so the judge can more accurately evaluate the exhibit. Craft information cards are for judging purposes only and will not be returned to the exhibitor.

If multiple pieces make up the exhibit, a photograph of the complete exhibit should be attached to the exhibit so the total exhibit can properly be displayed. For safety purposes any craft exhibit that resembles a sword, knife, or look-a-like weapon will be judged but will not be displayed.

Exhibit Class Guidelines:

Beginner (grades 3-5 suggested)

Create and exhibit one age/grade appropriate artwork.

Intermediate (grades 6-8 suggested)

Create and exhibit one age/grade appropriate artwork.

Advanced (grades 9-12 suggested)

Create and exhibit one age/grade appropriate artwork.

Putnam County Guidelines: Plastic Canvas Craft

Projects must be worked on plastic or vinyl canvas.

BEGINNER (Grades 3-5)

Exhibit one small article. Rectangular or square shaped without seams or with straight seams and with no cut out sections.

Examples: bookmark, coaster, eyeglass case, bookend cover, picture frame, or similar item.

INTERMEDIATE (Grades 6-8)

Exhibit one article or set of articles that is an enclosed shape. Project may also have cut out sections of the canvas. Must include at least three different types of stitches.

Examples: tissue box cover, blocks, a brick cover door stop, mobile, child's toy or similar item.

ADVANCED (Grades -12)

Exhibit an article or set of articles of your choice increasing in difficulty each year from the previous year.

Project must include at least four types of stitches.

Use of finer canvas counts, specialty threads, beads, or other enhancements is encouraged. You may also design your own work. If you use a kit, you must personalize it in some way (i.e. make changes in types of threads or stitches). Indicate the changes made on the instruction sheet.

Examples: a village, a nativity set, a gingerbread house, or similar items.

4-H CRAFTS CHECK SHEET

Name or Number		County	
	Well done	Need to Improve	
Usefulness			
Originality			
Choice of Material			
Suitability of Design			
Structural			
Decorative			
Workmanship			
Finish			
Use of Color			

Placing_____

Remarks:

4-H Craft Information Card

**4-H 618a-W
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4-H Member Name _____ County _____ Grade in School _____

What is the title of your exhibit, or its purpose?

Was this exhibit completed from a purchased kit or an original design?

Describe how this exhibit was constructed/crafted. (What did you do?)