



Minnesota 4-H Exhibit Evaluation

Horticulture: Indoor Gardening

4-H'er Name: _____ Grade: _____

County or Club: _____ Years in 4-H: _____ Years in Project: _____

About the project/exhibit	About your exhibit
<input type="checkbox"/> Purple <input type="checkbox"/> Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengths/accomplishments • Skills learned • Areas to work on • Possible new challenges • Questions to think about
<p style="text-align: center;">50% of Score</p> <p>Learning Involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has knowledge about exhibit. • Can identify and label plants. • Shows evidence that the exhibit was developed and maintained by the exhibitor. • Can explain choice of plants. 	
<p style="text-align: center;">50% of Score</p> <p>Workmanship & Techniques of Exhibit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper combination of plants is used • Shows evidence of proper care and planting • Information is accurate, clear, complete, original and clearly communicable. • Plants are well established. • Proper container is used—drainage, size, soil <p>General Appearance and Design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance of plants and container is pleasing to the eye. • Is the exhibit neat and attractive? • Healthy color and condition of plants. 	

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Area	Details
Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live plants must be maintained in a fresh condition during exhibition. • Plastic or silk plants are not acceptable – fresh, live plants only. • Containers must include a label with exhibitor's name, grade, club, and plant identification. • Plant should have been acquired at least a month before the fair.
Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dish gardens and terrariums are not to exceed 24" in any dimension. • Poster exhibits may not exceed 22" wide x 28" high. Three dimensional displays may not exceed 12" deep x 24" wide x 36" high. • Information for evaluation should include: type of plants, when planted, fertilizer and soil type, description of any disease or insect control, etc. • Exhibitor may include fresh-cut individual flowers, annual or perennial, or flower arrangement in display. • Resources should be credited and documented for written aspects of the project (e.g., books, websites, 4-H or Extension publications, mentors, magazine articles, etc.).
Exhibit Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dish gardens, hanging baskets, and terrariums • Starting plants from seed could include an observation record of planting, transplanting, first blooms, etc. • Research of diseases, insects, fertilizing, etc. that can impact a plant • Exhibit learning from a 4-H project kit • Other ideas related to indoor gardening

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Available resources

Minnesota 4-H resources

[University of Minnesota Extension - Give your houseplants a fresh start](#)

Other resources

[Ask a Master Gardener in your community](#)