

Wood 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 wood 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: Wood Craft

Beginners (Grades 3-5)

Wood Finishes

Select and finish a small undecorated article of wood. No decoration is to be applied.
Examples of articles: box, picture frame, cut-out puzzle, candle holders and etc.

Intermediate (Grade 6-8)

Wood Design and Finishing

Make or purchase one article, such as a wooden plate breadboard, box, puzzle, or plaque.
Sand and smooth. Apply design with paint, watercolors, chip carving, colored pencils or wood burning. Apply finish making sure applied design is not changed by the finish. Exhibit a finished project following the above three steps.

Advanced (Grades 9 & up)

Development of Skills in Working with Wood

Make or purchase and finish two or more articles, using one or more of the skills listed in the handcraft project handout. Exhibit finished project in accordance with guidelines.

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4-H CRAFTS CHECK SHEET

Name or Number	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

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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?)