

Metal 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 metal 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: Metal Craft

General goals for all divisions of metal craft/punchwork:

1. Learn about various gauges, grain, and finishes of metal.
2. Select a suitable design, related to shape, size, and use of article.
3. Learn and use safe practices in handling metal tools and materials.
4. Learn and practice shaping or finishing of metal article.

Beginners (Grade 3-5) – Working with aluminum or copper or brass

1. Select a simple design.
2. Apply design by etching.
3. Use only one size punch hole.

Suggestions for exhibit: Ash tray, set of coasters, bracelet or small tray.

Intermediate (Grades 6-8) - Working with aluminum or copper

1. Select a more advanced design, involving a border and/or antiquing.
2. Develop skills in engraving, etching or hammering.
3. Use more than one size punch hole.

Suggestions for exhibit: Tray, bowl or wall decoration.

Advanced (Grades 9 and up) – Suggestions for exhibit. Choose any suitable metal – including more precious metals such as silver or pewter.

1. Design and shaping of exhibit should be appropriate for use of article and show skill of member.
2. Make and exhibit: Jewelry, tray or serving piece, or room accessory. (In the advanced division, shaping done by hammering should be done over a sandbag.)

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

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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?)