

The county fair . . . what a great time it is! Every summer, families flock to county fairs to see the latest 4-H project exhibits. Exhibiting is a fun way for you to showcase your project work. Here are some exhibiting ideas for you.

Suggested County Fair Palette of Fun Exhibits

The following list of exhibit ideas is based on the latest 4-H curriculum. Use it to generate project entries for your next county fair. If you're a county fair superintendent, use this list to enhance your county fair premium book.

Cutting and Pasting

1. Tissue paper painting
2. Paper collage
3. Traditional craft paper designs (e.g., Amati, Chien-chih, Liebersriefe, Monkiri, Scherenschnitte, Wycinanki)
4. Pop-up card
5. Pop-up book
6. Handmade book (e.g., accordion, folded, stitched)
7. Cut paper designs (e.g., fans, flowers, lanterns, luminaries, origami, paper chains, paper hats, silhouettes, snowflakes)
8. Poster of different kinds of scissors
9. Poster on types of glue
10. Poster of different paper cutting techniques

Drawing

1. Group mural
2. Charcoal drawing
3. Line drawing of a common object
4. Drawing of an imaginary creature
5. Diagram and/or model of a machine (real or imaginary)
6. Drawing of figures in action
7. Story drawing
8. Handmade original map of a real or imaginary place
9. Computer drawing
10. Computer animation
11. Poster on pictographs and pictographs
12. Poster on different drawing tools

Fiber

1. Handmade paper
2. Batik on fabric
3. Batik on paper
4. Nine-patch quilt on fabric
5. Nine-patch quilt with paper
6. Group weaving
7. Woven bookmark
8. Woven coaster
9. Collage of fabrics and textures
10. Poster showing a fabric technique (e.g., batik, weaving, quilting)
11. Poster showing different textures
12. Poster showing dyes and fabrics

Painting

1. Finger painting
2. Poster of color mixing
3. Painting in watercolor, tempera, or acrylic

4. Painting using various materials for brushes (e.g., squeeze painting, string painting, straw painting, marble painting, spatter painting, dots of color)
5. Painting with marbling swirls
6. Report or poster on visiting a museum
7. Painted cutout (e.g., paper flowers, imaginary creatures)
8. Poster of different kinds of brushes or of handmade brushes
9. Poster of how the eye sees color
10. Poster on the meaning of colors in different cultures

Printing

1. Print using body parts or found objects
2. Sponge print
3. Fruit print
4. Vegetable print
5. Stencil print (original stencil)
6. Stencil print (pre-made)
7. Collograph
8. Block print (e.g., linoleum)
9. Silk screen print
10. Monoprint
11. Printing on cards, T-shirts, placemats, wrapping paper, or fabric
12. Poster on different vegetable dyes
13. Poster on silk-screening
14. Poster on block printing

Sculpting

1. Display on group modeling to express feelings
2. Display of pass-the-sculpture group work
3. Pinch pot
4. Slab pot
5. Coil pot
6. Papier mâché item
7. Poster or display on the malleability of materials
8. Jewelry using handmade beads or ornaments
9. Ornament
10. Sculpture
11. Poster on edible modeling recipes
12. Poster on clay (history of clay around the world)
13. Poster of photos of sculpture in the community
14. Poster on careers that use modeling or sculpting (e.g., dentist, baker, jeweler, landscaper, auto repair worker, plastic surgeon)

3-D Construction

1. Group sculpture (e.g., balloon train)
2. Mixed media portrait or other image
3. Scrap sculpture
4. Miniature float (e.g., state, county, school, family)
5. Diorama
6. Poster of careers in 3-D art (e.g., sculptors, engineers, architects, store window decorators)
7. Poster on floats (e.g., Rose Bowl Parade, Carnival, Macy's Christmas Parade)
8. Poster on recycled art