



# 4-H VISUAL ARTS PROJECT



## Step It Up!

Pass it on! Now that you know how, share it with others. Here are ideas to get you started.

## Are you Into It?

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Learn how you can express yourself through visual arts!

- Explore and experiment with endless materials to make new art
- Develop your creative skills and talents
- Be confident expressing yourself through various art forms
- Gain understanding of art history, cultures, and various technique
- Master the basics of making great art – its elements and principals

## Communication

- Create a poster, flier, or brochure
- Teach art activities at an afterschool or summer program

## Citizenship

- Volunteer at a local art event
- Donate your art for a fundraiser
- Paint a mural in your community

## Leadership

- Offer to critique your friend or family's artwork
- Volunteer to serve on a local art council
- Teach an art workshop for younger 4-H members

4-H is a community of young people who are learning leadership citizenship and life skills.

## Here's what you can do all year!

### Starting Out Basic/Level 1

- Interview a local artist
- Create a portfolio and design idea book
- Explore ways to cut and assemble paper
- Exchange art materials with friends
- Create an art or craft with a friend
- Find places to share your art with family, friends and your community
- Experiment with line and color

### Learning More Intermediate/Level 2

- Identify a town or country and its local art
- Seek out a creative person you would like to learn more about
- Arrange an art trip to local art fair
- Experiment with various brushes and paint
- Compare different types of media
- Experiment with line, shape, color, texture and space

### Expanding Horizons Advanced/Level 3

- Experiment with rhythm, proportion, emphasis, balance, and unity
- Understand and apply media techniques and processes
- Understand visual art in relationship to history and culture
- Enter your art in a local exhibition
- Be an entrepreneur – market and sell your work

Learn more at [www.kentucky4h.org](http://www.kentucky4h.org) or contact your county extension office.





# Take Visual Arts Further!

Here are some other opportunities to explore visual art:

- Create a portfolio of your best artwork (sketches, techniques and final compositions).
- Attend local art exhibitions at museums and schools.
- Enter your artwork in a local, state or national exhibition.
- Learn about other artists, art history and techniques by visiting a library or using online resources.
- Volunteer to create a work of art for your school, church or other organization.
- Is it fair time? Consider taking an exhibit, a piece of your project learning, to the fair for judging and to show what you have learned throughout the year.
- It might get selected to go to the Kentucky State Fair.
- Contact your 4-H agent for other local workshops, activities and events.

## Exhibit Ideas

- Present a demonstration on visual art at your county speech and demonstration contest
- Enter an arts exhibit in the Arts Division at the Kentucky State Fair in one of the following categories
  - Painting
  - Printing
  - Graphic Design
  - Drawing
  - Fiber Arts
  - Sculpting
  - Trends
  - Heritage Crafts
- Attend 4-H Filmfest

## Resources

4-H Resources	Other Resources	Record Keeping
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sketchbook Crossroads: Drawing, Fiber, and Sculpture</li> <li>• Portfolio Pathways, Painting, Printing, and Graphic Design</li> <li>• KET Toolkit Visual Arts</li> <li>• 4-H Filmmaking DVD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Palette of Fun Helps Guide for Children's Art Activities</li> <li>• Online information for parents can be found at 4-H.org</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record your activities on your Kentucky 4-H Achievement Program application</li> <li>• Contact your county 4-H agent for a project record book.</li> </ul>

