



4-H HOME ENVIRONMENT PROJECT



Step It Up!

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

Communication

- Give a presentation on common courtesies.
- Demonstrate how to draw a floor plan.
- Demonstrate a maker skill.

Citizenship

- Practice good manners as you interact with others.
- Respect the property of others.
- Volunteer at a local shelter.
- Assist an older person with painting a room or replace the batteries in their home's smoke detectors.

Leadership

- Organize a group of friends to help at a Habitat home construction project.
- Teach home maintenance skills to others.

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

Are you Into It?

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Making home a pleasant environment is the focus of this project.

- Apply the principles of design when decorating spaces within the home.
- Put appropriate manners into practice as you interact with family members and others.
- Organize and maintain the space in which you live.

Here's what you can do all year!

Starting Out Basic/Level 1

- Organize and keep your space neat and clean.
- Create a design plan for your space.
- Personalize your space, using color and texture.
- Use do-it-yourself skills to make things.
- Help others within your home.
- Practice efficient use of energy.
- Practice good manners in interactions with others.

Learning More Intermediate/Level 2

- Accept responsibilities around the home.
- Welcome others into your home.
- Develop skill in writing letters, invitations, and thank you notes.
- Apply design elements of color, texture, line, shape and space as you make things.
- Draw a floor plan.
- Practice common courtesies in all situations.

Expanding Horizons Advanced/Level 3

- Apply the principles of design (balance, rhythm, emphasis, scale & proportion, and unity).
- Learn more about floor plans, furniture and fabrics used in the home.
- Draw a floor plan and rearrange a room using the plan.
- Learn more maker skills.
- Search reputable sources for appropriate manners in unfamiliar situations.

Learn more at www.kentucky4h.org or contact your county extension office.





Take Home Environment Further!

Here are some other opportunities to explore:

- Contact your county extension office to participate in a local home environment club or related workshops.
- Keep records of everything you do and spend on your project.
- Enter an exhibit in the county fair. If selected to advance, enter your exhibit in the Kentucky State Fair.
- Give a speech or demonstration related to home environment in your county communications competition. If selected to advance, represent your county at Kentucky 4-H Communications Day in July in Lexington.
- Start your own [business](#) related to home environment, such as design, create and market a home accessory to sell at craft shows.
- Shadow professionals working in fields such as energy, lighting, recycling, and environmental protection.
- Check out careers in interior design, organization, home staging, architecture, retail sales, home improvement, construction, and more.
- With a couple of friends, participate in 4-H Issues Conference and learn how to effectively address community issues.

Exhibit Ideas

- Prepare an exhibit that meets the description requirements in the Kentucky State Fair Catalog [4-H Home Environment](#) Division.
 - Many classes require documentation to be attached. Be aware that this may involve before, during and after photographs.
 - Self-directed projects are generally complex and require a variety of skills, decision-making, and several months to complete.

Resources

4-H Resources	Other Resources	Record Keeping
<p>Contact your county extension office about these projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Environment Series: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Unit 1: Exploring Your Home ○ Unit 2: Living with Others ○ Unit 3: Where I Live ○ Unit 4: In My Home • Home Energy Detectives • Manners for the Real World 	<p>Reference materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK Extension fact sheets 	<p>Learning to keep records of what you do and spend is an important life skill.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record Form for projects without a specific form • Project Record Fact Sheet • Participate in 4-H Achievement

