



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

