



DIVISION 6039 - 4-H HOME ENVIRONMENT

1. **Classes in Division:** Classes 887-913
2. **Number of Entries Permitted:**
 - a. County may submit ONE entry per class.
 - b. A member may enter up to two classes within ONE of the Units I through Advanced and one class in Changing Spaces in the Home Environment Division. (This means: a member's name could appear a total of three times in Home Environment--up to two times in ONE of the "units" and one time in "Changing Spaces" on the county's Home Environment Division invoice sheet.)
3. **General Rules:**
 - a. See "General Rules Applying to All 4-H Exhibitors in the Kentucky State Fair" at www.kystatefair.org. Click on "Competition," then "Premium Book", then "4-H Exhibits."
 - b. **Item must meet all requirements for the class;** otherwise, the entry will be disqualified.
 - c. Items entered must have been completed by the exhibitor within the current program year.
 - d. The decision of the judges is final.
4. **Unique Rules or Instructions:**
 - a. Exhibit must be in the unit in which the 4-Her is enrolled.
 - b. Only those entries that are properly labeled and documented will be considered for class champion.
 - c. Items normally hung on the wall, such as pictures and bulletin boards, must be ready to hang with appropriate hardware permanently attached. Items will be exhibited on a wall made of metal grids using S hooks, binder clips or zip ties. Entries mounted on mat or foam core board do not require hardware; they will be hung on the wall using binder clips.
 - d. "Refinished" item refers to an item already in use which has been given a new finish using paint or some type of seal.
5. **Additional Documentation Required:**
 - a. The following classes require documentation: 894, 895, and 897-913. Read class description carefully.
 - b. Write the member's name, county, and class number on the front of the sheet, folder or notebook of documentation. Attach documentation to item with a safety pin or binder clip.
6. **Labeling:**
 - a. Identification Card (4LO-11SO): The State Fair Entry system will generate this label. Attach it in the most visible place on the exhibit, preferably on the lower right-hand corner. Labels may be securely taped, attached with a rubber band through a hole in the corner or safety pinned (fabric items). Do NOT use straight pins.
 - b. Small label: To insure that all parts of the exhibit make it back to the county, "hide" a small label (with a minimum of the county name) on EVERY part that might become separated from others; these should not be visible to the public when displayed.
7. **Entry Instructions:** All exhibits are entered through the State Fair's electronic submission system by the county Extension staff.
8. **Awards:**
 - a. Each entry that meets the class requirements will receive a ribbon.
 - b. A champion will be named in each class.
 - c. An overall grand champion and a reserve champion will be selected.
9. **Class Descriptions:** 4-H Home Environment entries may be made in the following classes:



Unit I EXHIBITS from Exploring Your Home project book

- 887 **Color Collage** (p. 10, activity 3): A collage of color created by the member to depict colors liked by the member. A collage is made up of a collection of objects (such as paper, fabric, wrapping paper, wallpaper, carpet, or other materials) artistically arranged and adhered to a mat board or foam core board.
- 888 **Texture Collage** (p.10 , see activities 1 & 2): A collection of textured items or rubbings of textured items artistically arranged and adhered to mat board or foam core board.
- 889 **Transparent finish applied to small wood object** (p. 16): Apply a clear finish such as tung oil, penetrating seal or polyurethane which does not include stain to a small wood object such as a bowl, tray, board game or box. A transparent finish allows the wood grain to show through. Judging emphasis will be on how well the object is prepared for the finish and how well the finish has been applied, not the construction of the wood object. The wood object may be made by the member, made by someone else, purchased or found. Items that are stained or finished with paint do not fit in this class.
- 890 **Simple cloth item for the home** (Sewing machine may be used but is not required): Examples: decorative pillow, tablecloth, laundry bag, place mats; footstool with a seat made of woven fabric; fabric applied to an item such as a box, plate, or lampshade. Unacceptable: purses, tote bags, backpacks, duffle bags.
- 891 **Wastebasket** (p. 14) decorated by member
- 892 **Crate Bookshelf** (p, 14) designed and created by member
- 893 **Bulletin board** (If it is to be hung on a wall, it must be ready to hang with appropriate hardware attached.)

Unit II EXHIBITS from Living with Others project book

- 894 **Decorative item for the home & photo:** decorative item created by the member as part of a 4-H Home Environment Project. Include a **photo** showing how the item fits into the home's décor.
- 895 **Simple wood item refinished** by the 4-H member: Item should have straight lines with no elaborate carvings or turnings. (The idea is to learn how to apply a new finish such as paint, stain, varnish, polyurethane, etc. to a simple wooden furnishing that's already in use.) **Documentation** is to include a "before" photo with explanation of how the item was refinished must be securely attached. Examples: refinished footstool, children's furniture, small box, tray, picture frame, bookshelves, and plant stand.
- 896 **Cloth item for the home created using a sewing machine:** Examples: hemmed tablecloth or table runner, wall hanging, pillow, pillowcase, throw, embellished towels, shower curtain, chair cover, laundry bag, pet bed, valence, and curtains. Unacceptable: purses, tote bags, backpacks, duffle bags.
- 897 **Invitation and thank you letter/note:** Design an invitation and thank you letter/note for a sleepover, birthday party or other occasion of your choice. Cards/letters may be created with computer software or handwritten. Decorations on the cards/letters may be member's original artwork, computer-generated art, purchased or found decorative items. The message written in the card or letter is more important than the decorations. Write your name and county on the back of each card/letter and place each card/letter in a plastic sheet protector. (For the fair, it is best to use a fictitious address and contact information on the invitation or thank you.) Envelopes are not required for exhibit

Unit III EXHIBITS from Where I Live project book.

- 898 **Accessory for the home created by the 4-H member:** This exhibit is to be made up of two parts: 1) the accessory and 2) a sheet or folder of **documentation**. Documentation is to include: a sketch or photo to show how the accessory is used in the home and a description of how the design and colors fit in with the other furnishings and color used in the home. Examples: stitchery or appliqué wall hanging, latch hook items, pillow with applied design (stitchery, appliqué or other media), rug, picture in appropriate frame and ready to hang.

- 899 **Individual place (table) setting:** This exhibit is to be made up of two parts: 1) one individual place setting appropriate to a theme or event chosen by the 4-H member and 2) a color **photo or diagram** of the place setting showing how it should be arranged. Include plate, beverage container(s), placemat, and napkin. Additional decorative item(s) are optional. All items that make up the place setting are to fit on the surface of the placemat. Flatware (knife, fork and spoon) **must** be included in the photo/diagram showing how all the items are arranged, but do NOT send flatware to the state fair. To insure that all pieces get returned to the member, write the name and county of the exhibitor on tape and place it on every part of the table setting in a location hidden to the public when exhibited at the fair.
- 900 **Piece of furniture refinished** (stripped, sanded, and painted or stained/sealed) by the 4-H member. This exhibit is to be made up of two parts: 1) the furniture and 2) **Documentation** is to include a “before” photo with explanation of how the item was refinished must be securely attached. Examples: rocker, table, chair or chest.
- 901 **Old or discarded item made useful in a new way as a home accessory:** This exhibit is to be made up of two parts: 1) the accessory and 2) a sheet or folder of **documentation**. Documentation is to include a “before” photo; an explanation of how the item was made useful again in a new way; materials used, cost and time involved in project. Examples: old silverware flattened and made into wind chimes; scrap wood pieces made into wall art; old lace doily attached to a pillow or framed; old tool box cleaned up and made into a TV stand.

Unit IV EXHIBITS from *In My Home* project book

- 902 **An accessory for the home, made with member’s original or adapted design:** This exhibit is to be made up of two parts: 1) the accessory and 2) a sheet or folder of **documentation**. Documentation is to include an explanation of how the item was created/adapted and a description of how and where item is used in the home. Examples: latch hooked rug or wall hanging; pillow with stitchery design; wall hanging of natural dyed yarns, or drawing with mat and finished or refinished frame.
- 903 **Heritage item refinished, restored, or made by the 4-H member:** This exhibit is to be made up of two parts: 1) the item and 2) a sheet or folder of **documentation**. Documentation will include information on the history or meaning of the item to the member, how the item was refinished, restored, or made by the member, and how it is used in the home. Examples include antique or collectible furniture, memory box, scrapbook that reflects family history/home/house/farm/land of several generations), quilt with heritage design, wall hanging showing family tree.
- 904 **Purchased article selected by 4-H member to solve a home decorating problem:** This exhibit is to be made up of two parts: 1) the purchased article and 2) a folder of **documentation**. Documentation will include a description of the problem to be solved, alternatives considered in the solution of the problem, how the plan was carried out, resources used (time, money) and members’ evaluation of the results (satisfaction with purchased article, how article is used in the home), and photos illustrating the before and after effect. Examples include wall decoration, lamp, vase, storage item, desk accessories, bedspread, rug, table linens, pillow, and draperies.
- 905 **A cloth article made by the 4-H'er showing a major home improvement:** This exhibit is to be made up of two parts: 1) the cloth article and 2) a folder of **documentation**. Documentation is to include a written description, “before” and “after” pictures /showing how cloth article is used in home, other colors used in room, time and costs involved, and care required. Examples: bedspread, quilt, window treatment and boxed bench pad. **Unacceptable: purses, tote bags, backpacks, duffle bags.**

Unit Advanced: Self-Directed Project--the intent of the following classes is to give members an opportunity to put everything they have learned in Units I-IV of the home environment projects into practice.

- 906 **Furniture Experience:** Furniture which has been refinished, reupholstered, recovered, recycled, reused or remodeled - Exhibit is to be made up of two pieces: 1) the piece of furniture and 2) a **folder** describing the original condition of the furniture (include a picture if possible), work required in completing project, time and cost involved, and how item is used in the home. DO NOT INCLUDE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED FURNITURE.
- 907 **Design Experience:** Create a plan for or complete a design experience. The exhibit is to be made up of two pieces: 1) a home furnishing item which is representative of the design experience (item may be made by the member or purchased) and 2) a **folder or notebook** describing the plan. Examples of project ideas: a plan for redecorating a room; creation of an accessory item using an original design of 4-H member; notebook with pictures and descriptions of architectural styles used in Kentucky homes.
- 908 **Heritage Experience:** Complete a heritage project. The exhibit is to be made up of two pieces: 1) an item representative of the heritage experience and 2) a **folder or notebook** describing the overall experience, the significance of the project to your family. Examples of project ideas: Restoration of a family heirloom (could include caning, reseating, etc.) including who it belonged to and the significance to the family; study of furniture styles including pictures and history; study of old buildings in the community including photos and descriptions of the architectural significance, period of history, uses of the buildings; create an item after learning a heritage or craft skill...especially from an older family member or friend and describe how skill was learned, how interest was stimulated and how you will use item and skill.
- 909 **Major Home Improvement Experience:** Complete a major home improvement project. The exhibit is to be made up of a **notebook** which describes the project, tell whether project was an individual project or a group or family project, describe the do-it-yourself skills learned time and cost involved. Include before, during, and after photographs, if possible. Examples: improve storage areas in the house or garage; paint the house; wallpaper and decorate a room; remodel the basement.

CHANGING SPACES:

- 910 **Design Style Board**
There are many styles of design that youth can be drawn to, some examples include but are not limited to: American Traditional, Shabby Chic, Industrial, Southwestern, and Arts and Crafts. Youth will identify one of the styles they are particularly drawn to and create a style board that represents that style. This can include fabrics, magazines and online photos, furniture, lighting, and room photos. As well as other representative artifacts that represent the style. Minimum size 8 ½ x 11 inches. Maximum size 11 x 17 inches on mat or foam board. Make sure the name of the style youth are trying to portray is visible on the display.
- 911 **House Floor Plan**
This exhibit is to be made up of two parts: 1) mounted house plan and 2) folder of the documentation described below. Include bedroom(s), bath(s), living space, kitchen, door(s) and window(s). Including a garage is optional. Minimum size 8 ½ x 11 inches. Maximum size 11 x 17 inches on mat or foam board. Documentation should include answers to these questions: 1. Did you look at other floor plans for inspiration? 2. What type of roof does your house have? 3. Did you consider how a family member who is disabled (for instance, a wheelchair user) might get around in your home?
- 912 **Presentation Board – Color Scheme for One Room**
This exhibit is to be made up of two parts: 1) a presentation board as described below and 2) a folder of the documentation described below. Create a presentation board which illustrates a color scheme for any room in the home. On mat board or foam board, mount color pictures or actual swatches of fabric, wall covering, paint, and flooring, (Color pictures may be downloaded and printed or cut from magazines to represent these items. The mounting board should be 15" or 16" X 20" inches. In the folder, describe the person who lives in the room and the decisions required in selecting the color scheme