



Communication and Expressive Arts

4-H Visual Arts

North Dakota 4-H Project Sheet

Do you want to express yourself, be creative or make an impression? Visual arts is for you!

- Practice self-expression and creativity.
- Create a portfolio and design idea book – for storing your great works and ideas
- Learn to follow plans and written instructions.
- Learn to make articles from clay and plaster for decorative or practical purposes.
- Learn about glues and their properties, selecting a glue and glue safety.
- Learn to work with leather stamping and carving tools and a swivel knife, and to finish leather and punch holes for lacing.
- Learn about different mediums used in visual arts.
- Learn about wood and techniques for working with wood as an art form.



Pass it on!

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

Citizenship

- Volunteer at a local art event
- Donate your art for a fundraiser
- Volunteer at a local art museum

Communication

- Present a demonstration to your 4-H club on creating visual arts project.
- Interview a local artist
- Teach art activities at an afterschool or summer program
- Plan, conduct and evaluate an on-going workshop
- Demonstrate an art technique to local community groups, such as Kiwanis Club, Women's Church Group, Chamber of Commerce.

Leadership

- Lead your family in an art project
- Volunteer to serve on a local art council
- Teach an art workshop for your local Clover Kids Club

Entrepreneurship

- Market and sell your visual arts items at a craft show.
- Start a business teaching classes on a visual arts project.

Here's what you can do all year!

Starting Out Basic/Level 1	Learning More Intermediate/Level 2	Expanding Horizons Advanced/Level 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn the basic principles of each via arts category. • Learn about color: primary, secondary, complementary, shades, and tints. • Try free-form clay work. • Make marker, crayon, and colored pencil drawings. • Do school, day camp craft projects. • Try a cutting and pasting project such as scrapbooking or decoupage. • Learn basic leather craft stamping. • Experiment with line, shape, color, texture and space. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn design techniques for scrapbook pages. • Experiment with various brushes and paint. • Craft jewelry designs. • Do a drawing project using shading and blending lines; learn use of charcoal, pencil, or ink. • Form clay pots, such as pinch pot, coil pot, or slab container. • Create with other forms such as metal, paper or wood. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiment with rhythm, proportion, emphasis, balance, and unity • Create a scrapbook for your 4-H club. • Learn how to use alternative flower materials. • Learn advanced cake decorating techniques. • Understand the financial costs of creating items to start a home-based business. • Learn how to forge metals.

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Here are other opportunities to explore visual arts:

- 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
- Interested in a college education in the area of creative arts? Schedule a visit with North Dakota State University, www.ndsu.edu.
- Consider a career or life time hobby in art:
 - Graphic design
 - Print Making
 - Graphic Arts
 - Etching
 - Glass Arts
 - Forging



Exhibit Ideas

- Report about careers that use artistic techniques such as a jewelry designer or glass blower.
- Create a scrapbook of a family trip or school activity.
- Build a plastic model.
- Design a flower arrangement.
- Produce a clay or plaster item.
- Make a drawing or painting item.
- Create an item for the Glue Solution category.
- Design a leathercraft item.
- Create an item for the Wood Arts category.
- Form an item for the Metal Arts category.
- Craft clay beads and design your own jewelry.
- Make paper crafts such as origami or quilling.
- Make a flyer, brochure, bookmark, postcard or PowerPoint promoting a 4-H project area or program with graphic arts designed piece.
- Forge metal items.
- Decorate a cake form, cupcakes or cookies.
- Compile a journal of visual arts projects work.

4-H Resources

- [National 4-H Visual Arts Curriculum](#)
- [Sketchbook Crossroads \(BC111\)](#)
- [Portfolio Pathways \(BC112\)](#)
- [Getting Started in Art #BC110](#)
- [Seeing Through Graphic Design](#)

Online Publications

- [Building Plastic Models from a Kit \(FE101\)](#)
 - [Scrapbooking \(FG108\)](#)
 - [4-H Cake Decorating BCA151](#)
 - [Jewellery* Making BCA171](#)
- *from Saskatchewan 4-H
- [Iowa 4-H Color Wheel](#)
 - [Design: Exploring the Elements and Principles](#)

4-H Resources

Publications available at your local Extension office:

- Arranging Flowers (CD122)
- Working with Clay and Plaster (BCA121)
- Drawing and Painting (BCB170)
- Glue Solution (BCA140)
- Introduction to Leathercraft (BCA130)
- Beginning Leather Carving (BCA131)
- Wood Arts (BCA125)

Recordkeeping

- [Planning for My Project Adventure \(PA093\)](#)
- [ND 4-H Project Plan \(PA095\)](#)
- [ND 4-H Plan of Action \(PA096\)](#)
- [ND 4-H Participation Summary for 11- to 19-year-olds \(PA098\)](#)

Other Resources

- [Flower Arranging Resources](#)
- [Guide to Industrial Arts \(the advanced learner\)](#)
- [Scrapbooking Ideas](#)
- [Leathercraft tutorials and patterns](#)
- [Wood Art Patterns](#)
- [Copyright Kids](#)
- [Imagination Factory](#)

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