



Arts and Crafts

4-H Creative Arts

North Dakota 4-H Project Sheet

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

- Practice self-expression and creativity.
- Learn to follow plans and written instructions.
- Demonstrate puppetry and stagecraft skills.
- 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.
- Discover the history of clowning.
- 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

- Try out for a part in a local community theater production.
- Construct props for a school play.
- Present puppet shows at a day-care facility.
- Offer to teach a class on a creative art project for your local community education or parks and recreation program.

Communication

- Present a demonstration to your 4-H club on creating an art project.
- Direct a school play.

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 creative arts category. • Learn about puppets used around the world. • Make/create your own puppet. • Use clothing to create a character. • Practice communicating with gestures. • Add voice to a character. • Learn scrapbook terminology. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn to make props for a play. • Learn design techniques for scrapbook pages. • Learn about the subject matter that a plastic model represents. • Make a fresh floral corsage. • Explore art techniques, art history and culture, and the science behind the art. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about stage lighting. • Write a play, then assemble a cast and direct and present the play at a community event. • Learn to mime and perform for your club. • Create a scrapbook for your 4-H club. • Learn how to use alternative flower materials. • Develop your own clown character complete with makeup and costume.

Leadership

- Write a short play for your 4-H club to perform.
- Direct a school play.
- Offer to teach a class on a creative art project for your local community education or parks and recreation program.

Entrepreneurship

- Sell your creative arts items at a craft show.
- Start a business teaching classes on a creative art project.

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Here are other opportunities to explore creative arts:

- Write a short story or collection of poems. Make copies for your family and friends.
- Organize making posters for display during National 4-H Week.
- Record a radio ad or volunteer to be interviewed on a local radio station.
- Make an audio file of sound effects to use with a play.
- Create and perform a puppet show for your 4-H club or local library.
- Try out for a role in a school play or community theater production.
- Create an improvisational comedy club/group.
- Interested in a college education in the area of creative arts? Schedule a visit with North Dakota State University, www.ndsu.edu.



Exhibit Ideas

- Construct a puppet theater and puppets.
- Write a short story (or a novel).
- Write and exhibit a collection of poems.
- Make an exhibit showing makeup techniques for clowns.
- Create a scrapbook of a family trip or school activity.
- Build a plastic model.
- Create a flower arrangement.
- Create a clay or plaster item.
- Create a drawing or painting item.
- Create an item from the Glue Solution category.
- Create a leathercraft item.
- Create an item from the Wood Arts category.

4-H Resources

- [National 4-H Theatre Arts Curriculum](#)
 - [Theatre Arts - Beginner \(BBC211\)](#)
 - [Theatre Arts - Intermediate \(BBC212\)](#)
 - [Theatre Arts - Advanced \(BBC213\)](#)
 - [Theatre Arts Journal \(BBC144\)](#)
- [National 4-H Visual Arts Curriculum](#)
 - [Sketchbook Crossroads \(BC111\)](#)
 - [Portfolio Pathways \(BC112\)](#)
 - [Getting Started in Art \(BC110\)](#)
- Online Publications
 - [Building Plastic Models from a Kit \(FE101\)](#)
 - [Scrapbooking \(FG108\)](#)
 - [4-H Cake Decorating \(BCA151\)](#)

4-H Resources

- [Jewellery Making \(BCA171\)](#)
- 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)
 - [4-H Filmmaking Studio DVD \(BCD184\)](#)

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](#)
- [Glue Solution Ideas](#)
- [Scrapbooking Ideas](#)
- [Leathercraft Patterns](#)
- [Wood Art Patterns](#)

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