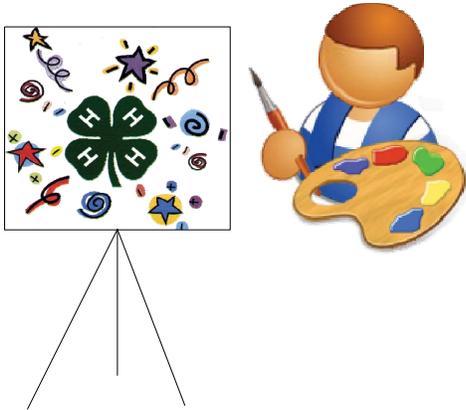


# Visual Arts



The Visual Arts project area includes, but is not limited to, the following sections. These areas can be used, but Leaders and Members are encouraged to use their imaginations and creative abilities to explore other options in the Visual Arts project area.

## ARTS & CRAFTS – (BCA)

### DECORATIVE PAINTING

#### BEGINNERS

(1-2 years in project/9-12 years old)

#### SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED

1. Learn about the basic materials used.
2. Learn about the different brushes.
3. Learn proper brush care.
4. Learn basic brush strokes: comma, c strokes, floating, dot flowers, etc.
5. Learn basic surface preparation.
6. Learn to transfer a pattern.
7. Learn how to finish a project.

#### SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR BEGINNERS

- Enter an educational exhibit about painting at the Jackson County Fair.
- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show and talk to vendors.

#### INTERMEDIATES

(3-4 years in project/12-14 years old)

#### SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED

1. Learn how to enlarge or reduce patterns.
2. Learn new brush strokes.
3. Learn different finishing, embellishing techniques.
4. Learn to work in different mediums.

#### SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR INTERMEDIATES

- Enter an educational exhibit about painting at the Jackson County Fair.
- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Paint items to sell at a craft show.
- Donate painted items to a charity auction.

#### SENIORS

(5+ years in project/15+ years old)

#### SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED

1. Learn more elaborate brush strokes.
2. Work with repeated designs to perfect uniformity of strokes.
3. Learn to create original designs.
4. Learn advanced embellishing techniques.

#### SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR ADVANCED

- Enter an educational exhibit about painting at the Jackson County Fair.
- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Host a craft show.

## ARTS & CRAFTS – (BCA)

### DECORATED ITEMS

#### GENERAL SUGGESTIONS TO HELP LEADERS

- A purchased item is decorated using dried or silk flowers, ribbons, lace, and other trims.
- Members should learn to be creative. Kits are acceptable for beginners.
- Glue gun can be used by intermediate or advanced members. Beginners should use craft glue.

**ARTS & CRAFTS – (BCA)**

**GIFT WRAPPING**

**GENERAL SUGGESTIONS TO HELP LEADERS**

- The objective of gift wrapping as a project is to gain knowledge in choosing appropriate containers and wrapping for attractiveness and creativity.
- Materials can include wrapping paper, newspaper, fabric, ribbons, yarns, boxes, foil, tin, wallpaper, shelf paper, or any other appropriate paper selected by the member.
- Members can design their own paper.
- The finished project should be attractively wrapped and completed with bows, ribbons, tags, etc. Packages should be empty for fair entry. Fair entry must demonstrate skills learned.

**BEGINNERS**

**(1-2 years in project/9-11 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn basic wrapping techniques on a box with square corners.
2. Learn to make bows (curling ribbon, tailored, circle, fish tail, sun burst, yarn, looped bows, etc.
3. Square box wrapped and decorated.

**INTERMEDIATES**

**(3-4 years in project/12-14 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn ideas for decorations without using bows and ribbons.
2. Learn to wrap box and lid separately.
3. Learn to wrap packages in materials other than purchased wrapping paper.
4. Learn to wrap cylinder shaped packages.
5. Learn to wrap and decorate more difficult shaped container.

**ADVANCED**

**(5+ years in project/15+ years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn to print designs on paper.
2. Learn to combine colors of kinds of ribbons in bow of any style.
3. Learn special treatment for packages (i.e. trimmed with accents, feathering, glitter, etc.)
4. Learn to wrap and decorate more difficult shaped container.

**ARTS & CRAFTS – (BCA)**

**HERITAGE CRAFTS**

The objective of this project is to allow youth to experience our cultural heritage before 1900 and colonial times. Since there were no power tools, kits, and few patterns available, it would defeat part of the intent to use those modern advantages. When working in this project, help members understand the setting, reason item as made, and a general appreciation of our history. Resources include "4-H Folkpatterns" at the Extension Office, and "Foxfire" books available at your local library.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS**

- TOYS – whistles, hand games, etc. (carving, whittling, filing)
- DOLLS – apple head, corn husk, rag doll (no machine made clothing)
- BRAIDING – rugs, placemats, pot holders
- LOOMING or WEAVING – no paper or artificial products, such as plastic
- CANDLES – homemade, dipped – you may dip, carve, whip, or other, but no prefabs or kits
- BASKETS – use material, grape vines, or other

**ARTS & CRAFTS – (BCA)**

**HOLIDAY CRAFTS**

**(Any holiday-themed craft)**

**BEGINNERS**

**(1-2 years in project/9-11 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn basic tools and skills for selected project type.
2. Learn how to follow a pattern.
3. Learn how to properly finish a project.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR BEGINNERS**

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show.
- Visit a craft store and look at their various craft books and items.
- Take a class.

**INTERMEDIATES**

**(3-4 years in project/12-14 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn more about your selected craft.
2. Refine techniques learned before.
3. Try a different type of craft.
4. Learn to create your own pattern.
5. Experiment with different colors, textures, etc.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR INTERMEDIATES**

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show and talk with crafters.
- Visit a craft store.
- Take classes.

**SENIORS**

**(5+ years in project/15+ years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn more complicated techniques.
2. Try a different craft.
3. Work on larger, more elaborate projects.
4. Make sure all work is properly finished.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR ADVANCED**

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show.
- Sell items at a craft show.
- Take classes.
- Donate projects you have made to a charity auction or craft show.

**ARTS & CRAFTS – BCA**

**PAPER CRAFT**

(Origami, Scherrenschnitte, Decoupage, Quilling, Scrapbook Pages, Gift Wrap, Paper Making, Greeting Cards – not hand drawn, Paper Mache, etc.)

**BEGINNERS**

**(1-2 years in project/9-11 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn basic tools and skills for selected project type.
2. Learn how to follow a pattern.
3. Learn how to properly finish a project.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR BEGINNERS**

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show.
- Visit a craft store and look at their various craft books and items.
- Take a class.

**INTERMEDIATES**

**(3-4 years in project/12-14 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn more about your selected paper craft.
2. Refine techniques previously learned.
3. Try a different type of paper craft.
4. Learn to create your own pattern.
5. Experiment with different colors, textures, etc.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR INTERMEDIATES**

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show and talk with crafters.
- Visit a craft store.
- Take classes.

**SENIORS**

**(5+ years in project/15+ years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn more complicated techniques.
2. Try a different paper craft.
3. Work on larger, more elaborate projects.
4. Make sure all work is properly finished.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR ADVANCED**

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show.
- Sell items at a craft show.
- Take classes.
- Donate projects you have made to a charity auction or craft show.

**ARTS & CRAFTS – BCA**

**NATURAL CRAFT**

(Rock, Shell, Driftwood, Other Natural Items)

**BEGINNERS**

**(1-2 years in project/9-11 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Collect items you find in nature.
2. Learn how to dry and prepare items for use.
3. Learn basic tools and skills for selected project type.
4. Learn how to follow a pattern.
5. Learn how to properly finish a project.
6. Learn how to preserve your project.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR BEGINNERS**

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show.
- Visit a craft store and look at their various craft books and items.
- Take a class.

**INTERMEDIATES**

**(3-4 years in project/12-14 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn more about your selected craft.
2. Refine techniques learned in previous years.
3. Pick a project and collect items for it.
4. Learn to create your own pattern.
5. Experiment with different colors, textures, sizes, shapes, etc.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR INTERMEDIATES**

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show and talk with crafters.
- Visit a craft store.
- Take classes.

**SENIORS**

**(5+ years in project/15+ years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn more complicated techniques.
2. Try a different craft.
3. Work on larger, more elaborate projects.
4. Make sure all work is properly finished.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR ADVANCED**

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show.
- Sell items at a craft show.
- Take classes.
- Donate projects you have made to a charity auction or craft show.

**ARTS & CRAFTS – BCA**

**NATURAL CRAFT**

(Basket Weaving)

**BEGINNERS**

(1-2 years in project/9-11 years old)

SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED

1. Learn how to cut and measure spokes.
2. Learn how to measure and mark spokes for weaving.
3. Learn how to align the marks to set up the basket.
4. Learn how to do basic turning and weaving.
5. Learn how to do a simple finished edge.
6. Learn the different articles needed for basket weaving: tape measure, awl, snap clothes pins, pruners, small rasp, needle nose pliers, etc.
7. Learn terms used in basket weaving.

SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR BEGINNERS

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show.
- Visit a craft store and look at their various craft books and items.
- Take a class.

**INTERMEDIATES**

(3-4 years in project/12-14 years old)

SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED

1. Continue refining skills learned in previous years.
2. Learn more difficult techniques.
3. Learn about dying and staining using both commercial and natural dyes.
4. Learn to finish a basket with a rim.
5. Experiment with different colors, textures, etc.

SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR INTERMEDIATES

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show and talk with crafters.
- Visit a craft store.
- Take classes.

**SENIORS**

(5+ years in project/15+ years old)

SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED

1. Learn more complicated techniques.
2. Continue refinish skills learned in previous year.
3. Work on larger, more elaborate projects.
4. Make sure all work is properly finished.

SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR ADVANCED

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show.
- Sell items at a craft show.
- Take classes.
- Donate projects you have made to a charity auction or craft show.

**ARTS & CRAFTS – BCA**

**CREATIVE CRAFT**

(Clay, Bead, Silk/fabric flowers, Soap, Non-Sewn Fabric, Recycled Art, Jewelry, Mobiles, Mosaics, Etc.)

**BEGINNERS**

(1-2 years in project/9-11 years old)

SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED

1. Learn basic tools and skills for selected project type.
2. Learn how to follow a pattern.
3. Learn how to properly finish a project.

SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR BEGINNERS

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show.
- Visit a craft store and look at their various craft books and items.
- Take a class.

**INTERMEDIATES**

(3-4 years in project/12-14 years old)

SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED

1. Learn more about your selected craft.
2. Learn more complicated techniques.
3. Refine techniques learned in previous years.
4. Try a different type of craft.
5. Learn to create your own pattern.
6. Experiment with different colors, textures, sizes, shapes, etc.

SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR INTERMEDIATES

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show and talk with crafters.
- Visit a craft store.
- Take classes.

**SENIORS**

(5+ years in project/15+ years old)

SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED

1. Learn more complicated techniques.
2. Try a different craft.
3. Work on larger, more elaborate projects.
4. Make sure all work is properly finished.

SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR ADVANCED

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show.
- Sell items at a craft show.
- Take classes.
- Donate projects you have made to a charity auction or craft show.

**ARTS & CRAFTS – BCA**

**WAX CRAFT**

(Candles and Other Crafts using Wax)

**BEGINNERS**

**(1-2 years in project/9-11 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn basic tools and skills for selected project type.
2. Learn about the different types of wax.
3. Learn how to melt wax.
4. Learn to handle hot wax safely.
5. Learn how to properly finish a project.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR BEGINNERS**

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show.
- Visit a craft store and look at their various craft books and items.
- Take a class.

**INTERMEDIATES**

**(3-4 years in project/12-14 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn about wax additives.
2. Refine techniques learned in previous years.
3. Try a more complicated type of candle or wax craft.
4. Learn to create your own pattern.
5. Experiment with different molding techniques, dyes, fragrances, etc.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR INTERMEDIATES**

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show and talk with crafters.
- Visit a craft store.
- Take classes.

**SENIORS**

**(5+ years in project/15+ years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn more complicated techniques.
2. Work on larger, more elaborate projects.
3. Make sure all work is properly finished.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR ADVANCED**

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show.
- Sell items at a craft show.
- Take classes.
- Donate projects you have made to a charity auction or craft show.

**ARTS & CRAFTS – BCA**

**PLASTIC CRAFT**

(Plastic Canvas, Sun Catchers, Etc.)

**BEGINNERS**

**(1-2 years in project/9-11 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn basic tools and skills for selected project type.
2. Learn how to follow a pattern.
3. Learn how to properly finish a project.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR BEGINNERS**

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show.
- Visit a craft store and look at their various craft books and items.
- Take a class.

**INTERMEDIATES**

**(3-4 years in project/12-14 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn more about your selected craft.
2. Refine techniques learned in previous years.
3. Try a different type of plastic craft.
4. Learn to create your own pattern.
5. Experiment with different colors, textures, etc.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR INTERMEDIATES**

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show and talk with crafters.
- Visit a craft store.
- Take classes.

**SENIORS**

**(5+ years in project/15+ years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

5. Learn more complicated techniques.
6. Try a different plastic craft.
7. Work on larger, more elaborate projects.
8. Make sure all work is properly finished.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR ADVANCED**

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show.
- Sell items at a craft show.
- Take classes.
- Donate projects you have made to a charity auction or craft show.

**ARTS & CRAFTS – BCA**

**GLASS ETCHING**

**BEGINNERS**

**(1-2 years in project/9-11 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

6. Learn to apply rub-on stencils.
7. Learn to use etching cream.
8. Learn basic etching skills.
9. Learn to time process accurately.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR BEGINNERS**

- Enter an educational exhibit about glass etching at the Jackson County Fair.
- Etch a small precut shape or ornament.
- Visit a glass works.

**INTERMEDIATES**

**(3-4 years in project/12-14 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn to cut your own stencils.
2. Learn to monogram.
3. Refine etching technique.
4. Work on larger projects.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR INTERMEDIATES**

- Enter an educational exhibit about glass etching at the Jackson County Fair.
- Enter a set of glasses or large project at the Jackson County Fair.

**SENIORS**

**(5+ years in project/15+ years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn to de-silver a mirror.
2. Learn to cut your own glass shapes.
3. Learn to cut and apply your own stencils.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR ADVANCED**

- Enter an educational exhibit about glass etching at the Jackson County Fair.
- Enter an original project at the Jackson County Fair.

**ARTS & CRAFTS – (BCA)**

**LEATHERCRAFT**

**BEGINNERS**

**(1-2 years in project/9-11 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn kinds of leather, characteristics, and uses.
2. Learn simple techniques including lacing, assembling, modeling, tooling, and finishing.
3. Learn carving and stamping technique.
4. Learn to use dye.
5. Learn to use the seven basic tools: swivel knife, camouflage, pear shader, beveller, veiner, backgrounder, and seeder.
6. Learn the names and uses of five basic braids.
7. Learn how to hand or machine stitch articles.
8. Learn how to lay out a pattern.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR BEGINNERS**

- Enter an educational exhibit about leather crafting at the Jackson County Fair.
- Enter a small leather item at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a leather shop.

**INTERMEDIATES**

**(3-4 years in project/12-14 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn to use additional tools such as the mule foot, stops, matting tool, and saddle stamp.
2. Learn to line an item.
3. Learn new finishing methods.
4. Learn two additional braids, such as invisible reins, bull whip, macramé, mystery braid, etc.
5. Learn to combine leather with other materials in making clothing apparel or an accessory with design and color coordination.
6. Learn to select and cut out leather.
7. Learn elementary sketching and designing.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR INTERMEDIATES**

- Enter an educational exhibit about leather crafting at the Jackson County Fair.
- Enter an experience appropriate article at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a tannery.

**SENIORS**

**(5+ years in project/15+ years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn about dyes and finishes, saddle stitching, original designing, structural design for strength and use, combining different leather for use and décor, etc.
2. Learn to combine leather with other materials in making clothing or accessories with design and color coordination.
3. Learn principles of composition.
4. Develop original designs.
5. Learn to work on more complicated articles such as pictures, notebook, bowling bag, etc.
6. Learn dyeing and painting techniques.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR ADVANCED**

- Enter an educational exhibit about leathercraft at the Jackson County Fair.
- Enter an experience appropriate article at the Jackson County Fair.

**ARTS & CRAFTS – (BCA)**

**METAL CRAFT**

**BEGINNERS**

**(1-2 years in project/9-12 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn basic metal working tools and terms.
2. Learn to trace a pattern.
3. Learn to apply pattern to the metal item.
4. Learn to clean the finished project so no fingerprints remain.
5. Learn to antique and finish with spray.
6. Learn to finish the project to create a pleasing visual presentation.
7. Learn different metal working techniques: punching, stamping, embossing, etc.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR BEGINNERS**

- Make a simple silhouette out of metal.
- Enter an educational exhibit about metal craft at the Jackson County Fair.
- Enter an appropriate project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Tour a metal work shop.

**INTERMEDIATES**

**(3-4 years in project/12-14 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Refine techniques learned in previous years and learn new ones.
2. Experiment with different types of metal and metal articles.
3. Learn to cut metal shapes.
4. Learn to design your own patterns.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR INTERMEDIATES**

- Enter an educational exhibit about metal craft at the Jackson County Fair.
- Enter an appropriate project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Make a simple tray out of metal.

**ADVANCED**  
**(5+ years in project/15+ years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Continue refining your techniques.
2. Experiment with different ways of finishing a project.
3. Combine metal work with other craft types.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR ADVANCED**

- Enter an educational exhibit about metal craft at the Jackson County Fair.
- Enter an appropriate article at the Jackson County Fair.
- Make a tool box.

**PHOTOGRAPHY – (BCD)**

**GENERAL SUGGESTIONS TO HELP LEADERS**

Teach photography skills to further members' leisure and career pursuits and help members gain an appreciation of photography as an art, as a science, and as a communication tool. The following suggestions are flexible depending on the members' ability. They may be adjusted to meet members' needs, but their skills should increase each year.

**BEGINNERS**

**(1-2 years in project/9-11 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn about camera care and how to maintain equipment.
2. Learn how a camera takes pictures.
3. Learn how to hold and aim a camera.
4. Learn beginning photo composition.
5. Learn about storytelling with pictures and placing people in photos.
6. Learn how to evaluate photos and correct mistakes.
7. Learn proper care and storage of negatives and prints or storage media.
8. Learn about lighting and flash devices.
9. Learn mounting techniques.
10. Learn about and become familiar with the rule of thirds.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR BEGINNERS**

- Take 25 or more photographs (buildings, landscapes, people, animals, birds, etc.)
- Take a series of photographs showing a sequence or step-by-step procedure.
- Keep an album of pictures taken.
- Start a photo database.
- Take field trips to photo-related businesses.
- Record other 4-H related projects through photography.
- Enter your photos at the Jackson County Fair.

**INTERMEDIATES**

**(3-4 years in project/12-14 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn more about photo composition and focusing attention on the subject.
2. Learn about film types and their uses and compare to digital.
3. Learn basic principles of processing and printing.
4. Learn elementary enlarging skills.
5. Learn photography terminology.
6. Learn about exposure and action shots.
7. Learn how different shutter speeds and lenses/filters control light.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR INTERMEDIATES**

- Take 25 or more photographs in black & white or color (variety of scenes to demonstrate composition, lighting, and camera skills under a variety of situations).
- Take a series of step-by-step photographs.
- Take pictures indoors, outdoors, in shaded areas, etc.
- Experiment with different resolutions.
- Continue to build a negative file.
- Mount photographs using different materials to demonstrate the advantages and disadvantages.
- Visit a photography studio.

**ADVANCED**

**(5+ years in project/15+ years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Continue to build skills learned previously and photograph a wide range of subjects.
2. Learn the use of related photographic techniques (movies, slides, photo-journalism, videos, etc.)
3. Learn more advanced principles of lighting and camera operation.
4. Learn to use manual focus with accessory lenses, filters, and flashes.
5. Learn close-up camera techniques and skills.
6. Learn advanced darkroom techniques.
7. Become a teen leader.
8. Demonstrate a technique and/or develop instructional materials.
9. Explore career opportunities in photography.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR ADVANCED**

- 12 or more slide set with appropriate commentary.
- Develop and enlarge several black and white films to show a variety of darkroom techniques.
- Produce a video tape.
- Interview a person who is a photographer or in a photography-related career.
- Demonstrate a technique and/or develop instructional materials.
- Explore career opportunities in photography.
- Practice developing, printing, cropping, and enlarging.
- Learn more about special photographic effects.
- Learn the use of related photographic techniques such as movie making, slide/tapes, photo journalism, video tapes, etc.
- Compare a color picture with a black & white picture of the same subject.

**ARTS & CRAFTS – (BCA)**

**PUZZLECRAFT**

**GENERAL SUGGESTIONS TO HELP LEADERS**

- Project should reflect age, ability, and interests. Older members should do more difficult projects.
- Neatness and finishing are as important as the actual project.
- Puzzle should be mounted and framed if appropriate.

**ARTS & CRAFTS – (BCA)**

**ROPE, STRING, RAG, YARN,  
AND FABRIC CRAFTS – NON-SEWN**

(Knots, Hitches, Halters, Plant Hangars, String Art, Macramé, Etc.)

**BEGINNERS**

**(1-2 years in project/9-11 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn basic tools and skills for selected project type.
2. Learn how to follow a pattern.
3. Learn how to properly finish a project.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR BEGINNERS**

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show.
- Visit a craft store and look at their various craft books and items.
- Take a class.

**INTERMEDIATES**

**(3-4 years in project/12-14 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn more about your selected craft.
2. Refine techniques learned in previous years.
3. Try a different type of craft.
4. Learn to create your own pattern.
5. Experiment with different colors, textures, etc.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR INTERMEDIATES**

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show and talk with crafters.
- Visit a craft store.
- Take classes.

**SENIORS**

**(5+ years in project/15+ years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn more complicated techniques.
2. Try a different craft.
3. Work on larger, more elaborate projects.
4. Make sure all work is properly finished.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR ADVANCED**

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show.
- Sell items at a craft show.
- Take classes.
- Donate projects you have made to a charity auction or craft show.

**ARTS & CRAFTS – (BCA)**

**STAINED GLASS**

**BEGINNERS**

**(1-2 years in project/9-11 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn about the tools used in creating a stained glass project.
2. Learn to foil.
3. Learn to follow a pattern.
4. Learn to solder.
5. Learn how to properly clean the finished project.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR BEGINNERS**

- Enter an educational exhibit about stained glass at the Jackson County Fair.
- Make a small project and enter it at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a stained glass workshop.
- Talk with someone who makes stained glass projects.

**INTERMEDIATES**

**(3-4 years in project/12-14 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Work with patinas.
2. Learn to cut glass.
3. Learn to use grinder.
4. Learn to develop original patterns.
5. Learn to combine colors to create visually pleasing effects.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR INTERMEDIATES**

- Enter an educational exhibit about stained glass at the Jackson County Fair.
- Enter a larger stained glass item at the Jackson County Fair.
- Talk with a stained glass crafter.

**ADVANCED**  
(5+ years in project/15+ years old)

SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED

1. Continue to improve skills learned in previous years.
2. Learn to make 3 dimensional objects.

SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR ADVANCED

- Enter an educational exhibit about stained glass at the Jackson County Fair.
- Enter a stained glass article at the Jackson County Fair (preferably an original design).

**ARTS & CRAFTS – (BCA)**

**WOODBURNING**

**BEGINNERS**  
(1-2 years in project/9-11 years old)

SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED

1. Learn basic tools used.
2. Learn the basic strokes and terminology.
3. Learn to safely handle tools.
4. Learn about wood types and what types work best for burning.
5. Learn how to follow a pattern.
6. Learn how to properly finish a project.

SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR BEGINNERS

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show.
- Visit a craft store and look at their various craft books and items.
- Take a class.

**INTERMEDIATES**  
(3-4 years in project/12-14 years old)

SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED

1. Continue using skills learned in previous years.
2. Learn to burn on different materials (cork, leather, velvet, etc.)
3. Learn more complicated techniques.
4. Learn to create your own pattern.
5. Experiment with different colors, textures, etc.

SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR INTERMEDIATES

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show and talk with crafters.
- Visit a craft store.
- Take classes.

**ADVANCED**  
(5+ years in project/15+ years old)

SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED

1. Learn more complicated techniques.
2. Learn to do foil writing.
3. Learn to use a wood burner to cut, join, form, and emboss plastic.
4. Paint wood burned objects with water colors.
5. Work on larger, more elaborate projects.
6. Make sure all work is properly finished.

SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR ADVANCED

- Enter a project at the Jackson County Fair.
- Visit a craft show.
- Sell items at a craft show.
- Take classes.
- Donate projects you have made to a charity auction or craft show.

**DRAWING, PAINTING, SCULPTING, ETC.– (BCB)**

**FINE ARTS**

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS TO HELP LEADERS

- Members may use any type of paper or other surface. They should have knowledge of how the media will work on the surface. Suggest that the member practice on a piece before developing a full scale picture.
- The first year youth should learn the basic shapes used in making up a picture. For example, shapes used in drawing are: the cylinder, cube, circle, and cone. From these basic shapes one can make many things.
- For those starting to draw, they should learn toning with pencil, drawing lines side by side with either round or chisel point, cross-hatching, or laying pencil on its side.
- The human figure is for the more advanced student, but will depend on the youth and their experience.
- When one sets out to do a drawing or painting it isn't necessary to complete it all at one time. Usually if you leave it for a few hours or days you will find changes to make that you didn't notice when you first worked it.
- Finishing techniques are important and all items should be prepared for exhibit.
- Members need to learn perspective.

**DRAWING, PAINTING, SCULPTING, ETC.– (BCB)**

**PAINTING**

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS**

- Create picture and choose appropriate frame.
- Paint any flat surface such as a wall plaque, tray, cutout shape, etc.

**BEGINNERS  
(1-2 years in project/9-11 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn basic materials.
2. Learn how to care for brushes.
3. Learn about design concepts.
4. Basic brush strokes: comma, side loading, use of liner brush, etc.
5. Use of some shading/highlighting on project (especially 2<sup>nd</sup> year).
6. Preparation of articles to be painted.
7. Finishing techniques – matting (See fair book for requirements to show art work at fair).

**INTERMEDIATES  
(3-4 years in project/12-14 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Shading and washes should be used.
2. More complex patterns should be used: faces, more detail, line work, etc.
3. Lettering.
4. Experiment with different materials.
5. Visit an art museum.
6. Finishing techniques – framing (See fair book for requirements to show art work at fair).

**ADVANCED  
(5+ years in project/15+ years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. More elaborate and refined work.
2. Extensive detail work, shading, highlighting, line work, realistic faces, etc.
3. Try other surfaces.
4. Become a teen leader.
5. Demonstrate a technique and/or develop instructional materials.
6. Learn about famous artists and paintings.
7. Finishing techniques – framing (See fair book for requirements to show art work at fair).

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**DRAWING, PAINTING, SCULPTING, ETC.– (BCB)**

**DRAWING**

**BEGINNERS  
(1-2 years in project/9-11 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Contour drawing – outlining a form and lines within form to create a three dimensional appearance. Hands work well for this.
2. Modeled drawings – draw as if you were sculpting. Where the object recedes you push harder on your pencil, thereby making the area darker. Where the object protrudes you lighten up on the pencil making the area lighter.
3. Search for form – draw the same objects in four different techniques, styles, and media to see which lends itself best to the subject.
4. Dramatic light – in a darkened room, draw a still life with a light source coming in from only one direction. Experiment further with lights.
5. Finishing techniques are important and all items should be matted.

**INTERMEDIATES  
(3-4 years in project/12-14 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Include outdoor or on-location drawing.
2. Work with color: color wheel, gray scale, value.
3. Continue using skills learned in previous years.
4. Finishing techniques – framing (See fair book for requirements to show art work at fair).

**ADVANCED  
(5+ years in project/15+ years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Stress the creative/illustrative aspect of drawing, giving themes or asking youth to choose a theme to illustrate.
2. Work with mixed media.
3. Research techniques and experiment with them.
4. Visit an art museum.
5. Arrange an art exhibit.
6. Practice critique.
7. Become a teen leader.
8. Demonstrate a technique and/or develop instructional materials.
9. Finishing techniques – framing (See fair book for requirements to show art work at fair).

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**DRAWING, PAINTING, SCULPTING, ETC.– (BCB)**

**CALLIGRAPHY**

**BEGINNERS  
(1-2 years in project/9-11 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn basic strokes and procedures.
2. Learn materials.
3. Learn to write a lower case alphabet.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR BEGINNER**

- Sampler including an entire lower case alphabet or verse. Frame, mount, or mat, may use water soluble ink.

**INTERMEDIATES  
(3-4 years in project/12-14 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn to write the alphabet in upper case letters.
2. Learn how to use medium or wide nibs.
3. Learn how to work with water soluble or permanent inks.
4. Learn other styles or calligraphy.
5. Experiment with color.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR INTERMEDIATES**

- Sampler of entire lower and upper case alphabet or verse. Frame, mount, and mat.

**ADVANCED  
(5+ years in project/15+ years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Continue to use skills learned in previous years.
2. Continue to learn different styles of calligraphy.
3. Encourage creativity and originality in work.
4. Demonstrate a technique and/or develop instructional materials.
5. Become a teen leader.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR ADVANCED**

- 12 x 16 sampler including entire lower and upper case alphabet of a different style.
- A verse incorporating color and filigree in letters or border.

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**DRAWING, PAINTING, SCULPTING, ETC.– (BCB)**

**CARTOONING**

**GENERAL SUGGESTIONS TO HELP LEADER**

- All drawings must be original works, no previously published or patented cartoons.
- Cartoons should be neat and clear. They may have cross-hatching, shading, or shadows. Motion or action lines are important too.
- Work should be mounted on cardboard, or freely drawn on same.
- Beginners should start in black and white, and progress to color with experience.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS**

- Expression page consisting of at least eight pages.
- Single frame cartoon with or without caption.
- A caricature.
- 3 or 4 block strip with logo.

**OTHER FINE ARTS PROJECTS**

- Mixed media
- College
- Sculpture

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**DRAWING, PAINTING, SCULPTING, ETC.--(BCB)**

**CERAMICS**

**GENERAL SUGGESTIONS TO HELP LEADERS**

- If possible, find a shop where they do their own pouring, and see about the 4-H members coming in, pouring their own pieces, and cleaning it up for firing. A good share is finished with stains so no firing is required after first firing. An item is greenware until it is fired, then it is bisque.

**BEGINNERS  
(1-2 years in project/9-11 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Learn about greenware and how it is handled and cleaned before firing.
2. Learn the difference between undercoats, glazes, stains, and antiques and when they are used.
3. Choose very simple pieces with few seams to clean and no handles or extended pieces.
4. Learn names and proper care of equipment and tools.
5. Learn how to finish bottoms of projects.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR BEGINNERS**

- Figures, planters, plaques, etc.

**INTERMEDIATES  
(3-4 years in project/12-14 years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Continue using skills from previous years.
2. Select a project that may call for a few different colors of glazes and new techniques.
3. Learn some detail work.
4. Learn how to combine colors for harmony and contrast – use a color wheel.

**SUGGESTED PROJECT FOR INTERMEDIATES**

- Animals, small lamps, etc.

**ADVANCED  
(5+ years in project/15+ years old)**

**SUGGESTED KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS TO BE LEARNED**

1. Continue using skills learned in previous years.
2. Make something with a lot of detail.
3. Try combining glazes and stains on project and learn how this is done.
4. Become a teen leader.
5. Demonstrate a technique and/or develop instructional materials.
6. Use stains or glazes not previously used.

**SUGGESTED PROJECTS FOR ADVANCED**

- Steins, canister sets, sets of dishes, coaster with scene, etc.

# Hobbies

