

St. Joseph County 4-H Gift Wrapping Guidelines



- All packages should be empty.
- No commercial bow allowed.
- Beginning with Year 2, a 3-ring binder showing a photograph of the previous year's project should be included with the exhibit to show progress.

Classes:

- **1st Year** – One rectangular package (shirt box) using a self-made bow and solid-colored wrapping paper. One cubic (six equal square sides) package larger than 6"x6"x6" using a self-made bow and solid-colored wrapping paper. One small box suitable for a ring or pin using a self-made bow and solid-colored wrapping paper.
- **Best-of-Show in 1st YEAR.**
- **2nd Year** – Two packages of any size wrapped only in self-made decorations and paper and one self-made gift bag. Do not use commercial wrapping paper. Examples of some materials to use: construction paper, grocery bag paper, wallpaper, fabric, etc. Gift bag may or may not be decorated depending on the materials used. You must use some sort of paper that you have put your own creative design on such as roller painting, stenciling, pulling, potato printing, spin art, etc. Use a self-made bow or other decoration.
- **Best-of-Show in 2nd YEAR.**
- **3rd Year** – A series of three packages in a tiered effect coordinated as one complete package. For example: 3 stacked cylinders; 2 rectangular boxes; 1 box and 2 cylinders; etc., each wrapped individually. The tier must be securely tied or fastened together in such a way that the individual packages will not move easily in the tier. Use self-made bows or other decorations. Patterned paper may be used.
- **Best Exhibit in class 3rd YEAR.**
- **4th Year** – Three packages of any size wrapped in various ways, including one cylindrical package, one package with top and bottom of box/container wrapped separately and properly folded liner inside. Box WILL be opened by the judge. Third box can be any size/shape. Patterned paper may be used. Bows not necessary.
- **Best Exhibit in class 4th YEAR.**
- **5th Year & Above** – A themed collection of five boxes using any type of paper and handmade bows or bows created using a bow-maker. Theme choices include: birthday, wedding, baby shower, choice holiday. Box size/type requirements include:
 - At least one cylinder
 - At least one cube (six sides all the same size)

- At least one of the boxes must exceed 17"x17"x30"
- The remaining box sizes and shapes are the exhibitor's choice

NOTE: Each year, the exhibitor should add an additional box (6th year=6 boxes, 7th year=7 boxes, etc.)

- **Best Exhibit in class 5th YEAR & ABOVE.**
- **Best-of-Show classes from Best Exhibit 3rd, 4th, 5th YEAR & ABOVE.**