

St. Joseph County 4-H Leathercraft Guidelines



Rules

1. All ages are as of January 1 of current project year (the year the exhibit will be displayed at the fair).
2. See “4-H Leathercraft Project Guidelines” for a list of suggested articles to be made at each age level.
3. All leathercraft exhibits must be tooled and carved. No embossing or 3-D stamping allowed on exhibit except for lettering. No pre-stamped or pre-embossed leather of any type may be used.
4. Any leather exhibit that involves stamping or which has no surface alterations must be exhibited in the Leatherwork Department.
5. A beginning member 8-10 years old (by January 1) may exhibit in either the Handyman or Craftsman class.
6. Buckskinning must be exhibited in the Buckskinning/Indian Lore class in the Folk Arts section of the Creative Arts division.
7. No dyeing on exhibits made by first year members, regardless of age.
8. No dyeing on exhibits in either the Beginning or the Apprentice levels. **Exception:** Apprentice members in their third year in Leathercraft overall, may dye their project.
9. Small Leathercraft exhibits (i.e. billfold, coin purse, comb case, etc.) must be submitted to the project evaluator in a zip lock-type plastic bag with the member’s name, 4-H age (by January 1) and club name written on the bag.
10. Exhibitor may exhibit in both the Leathercraft Department and the Leatherwork Department.

Beginner (8-10 year olds by January 1 of the current project year.)

Three (3) small or one (1) medium article.

Suggested small articles include:

- key case (4 or 6 hock)
- key cup coin purse
- quick change coin purse
- Tom Thumb purse
- luggage tag
- comb case
- swivel knife sheath

Suggested medium articles include:

- belt
- billfold
- checkbook cover

Apprentice (11-12 year olds by January 1 of the current project year.)

One (1) medium or one (1) large article.

Suggested medium articles include:

- billfold
- clutch purse
- checkbook cover
- belt
- barbeque seat
- fireplace bellows

Suggested large articles include:

- purse
- lamp
- clock
- bowling bag
- gun holster
- gun case
- rifle scabbard

Handyman (13-14 year olds by January 1 of the current project year.)

One (1) medium or one (1) large article.

Suggested medium articles include:

- billfold
- clutch purse
- checkbook cover
- belt
- barbeque seat
- fireplace bellows

Suggested large articles include:

- purse
- lamp
- clock
- bowling bag
- gun holster
- gun case
- rifle scabbard

Craftsman (15-19 year olds by January 1 of the current project year.)

One (1) large article.

Suggested projects include:

- purse
- camera case
- picture album
- wedding album
- notebook
- gun case
- rifle scabbard
- picture (minimum of 8" x 10")