

Kalamazoo County Fair 4-H Textiles Guidelines

WEAVING

General Suggestions to help leaders:
Traditions are important to study.

BEGINNERS (1-2 years in project)

Suggested knowledge/skills to be learned:

1. Explore the various looms (Examples: card/tablet, roller, frame, box, table & floor).
2. Explore materials.
3. Work with a card/tablet loom.

Suggested projects for Beginners: Belt, camera strap, guitar strap or the like made on a card/table loom.

INTERMEDIATES (3-4 years in project)

Suggested knowledge/skills to be learned:

1. Continue using skills learned in previous years.
2. Use a more advanced loom such as roller, frame, box
3. Experiment with dyeing: traditional and manufactured.
4. Visit if possible a weaver who uses natural fibers, one who prepares them from scratch.

Suggested projects for Intermediates: Placements, purses, table runners, etc., made on looms suggested above.

ADVANCED (5 years and over in project)

Suggested knowledge/skills to be learned:

1. Continue using skills learned in previous years.
2. Consider constructing your own loom for table or floor.
3. Try your own patterns.
4. Become a teen leader.
5. Demonstrate a technique and/or develop instructional materials.
6. Show and/or sell products at art shows, craft shows, etc.
7. Become a member of the 4-H Creative & Educational Committee.
8. Explore career opportunities in weaving.

Suggested projects for Advanced:

- A loom constructed by yourself.
- Construct a woven article from an original design that you created.
- A project of fibers you dyed and make an index card with a brief description of process and materials.

Spinning

Classes:

Natural Dying – 2 samples of 1 oz. Skein dyed with 2 natural dyes

Natural Dying – 4 samples of 1 oz. Skein dyed with 2 natural dyes

Spinning – 1 oz. skein of fiber home spun

Australian Locker Hooking