

4-H Clover Catcher

Instructions for the Activity Leader

4-H Clover Catchers are a great activity for older youth to teach to younger kids! They work well at a fair booth, under a summer festival activity tent, at a mall display, or for a club meeting as an icebreaker.

Getting ready...

1. Copy the clover catcher and folding line sheets back to back on bright green paper.
2. Make a few copies of the folding instructions sheet and cut them in half. Laminating a few might be wise for use in an outdoor tent activity.
3. Trim off the bookmark portion of the clover catcher sheet and save to use later as a handout!
4. Make a few samples in different stages of construction so helpers can demonstrate the folding process.

Folding the paper, putting the clover catchers on small fingers and moving them to “spell out” a word may be a

little too difficult for some younger children but they will enjoy pointing to the pictures and watching a helper move the catcher as they spell the words out loud! They also enjoy moving their clover catchers and spelling in unison with a helper.

Ways to extend this activity...

Have fun with creative writing and design! Prepare some blank paper squares, drawing supplies, stickers, glitter and other craft supplies so kids can invent and decorate their own unique clover catchers. Encourage them to write their own creative wording. Enjoy the fun as they try out their creations!

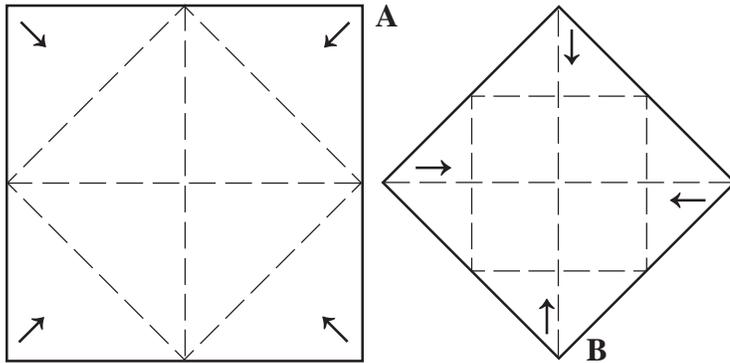
Exploring Origami, the Japanese art of paper folding, is another great extension of this paper folding activity. If origami paper isn't available or is too expensive, patterned, metallic or shiny gift wrap that is carefully cut into exact squares makes a great alternative.



Make a 4-H Clover Catcher!

Make a 4-H Clover Catcher and use it to connect to five or more friends and a really cool adult with whom you'd like to have fun and form a 4-H club! Here's how:

- Using a 4-H clover catcher sheet, with the clover art face down, fold each corner into the center of the sheet. (See diagram A).
- Turn the clover catcher over and fold each corner into the center again. (See diagram B).
- To make your clover catcher easier to open and close, fold it in half (into a rectangle) then unfold and fold it in half in the other direction.
- Put your thumbs into the "head" and "hands" openings and your index and middle fingers into the "heart" and "health" openings.
- Practice opening and closing the "mouth" of your clover catcher — both front to back and side to side.
- Now find a friend to play the clover catcher game!



How to play the clover catcher game:

- Ask the other person to pick a word from the outside of the clover catcher, then spell the word out loud and open and close the "mouth" of the catcher as you say each letter. Do this a couple of times.
- With the catcher open, ask the person to pick a word from the inside of the clover catcher and spell the word while opening and closing the catcher with each letter you say. Do this two or three more times.
- On the last time, flip up the inner flap of the word selected and read the message out loud.

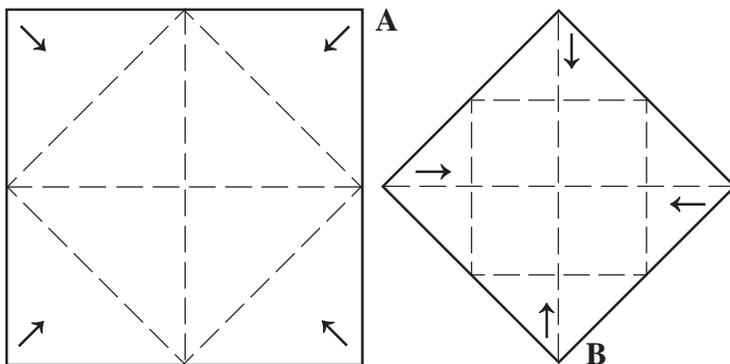
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I PLEDGE...



My HEAD to clearer thinking,



My HEART to greater loyalty,



My HANDS to larger service,



My HEALTH to better living,



For my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

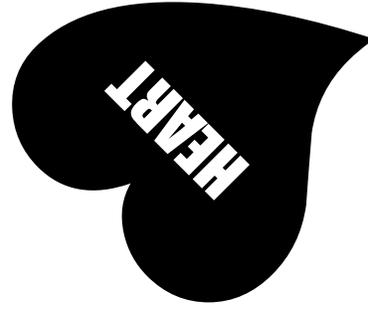
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FRIENDS

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FUN



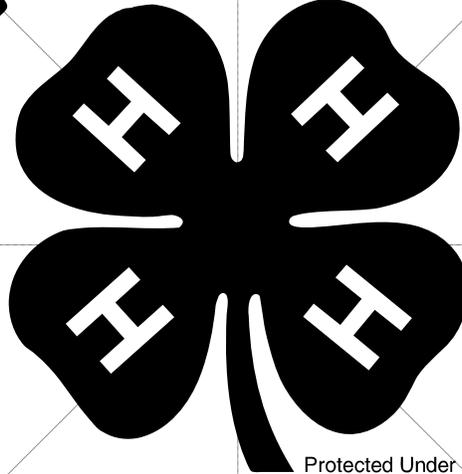
LEARN

You
can do lots of
fun, hands-on projects in 4-H!

LEADERSHIP

You can
make your community
a better place through 4-H!

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PROJECTS

ACHIEVE



EXPLORE

You
can travel many
interesting places with 4-H!

EXPERIENCE



