

ART

PROJECT SHEET



What is It All About?

Is art your Spark? Do you want to express yourself, be creative, or make an impression? Cutting and pasting, painting, sculpting, drawing, printing, construction with fibers and other materials are all exciting hands-on activities in an Arts Project.

Use a variety of materials. Learn new techniques. Explore your creativity. Art can be a way to share what you think, explore your emotions, find a career, or change the world.

Be yourself. Explore visual arts!

Growing in Your Project

BEGINNER

- Explore ways to cut and assemble paper
- Experiment with line and color
- Recognize art with expressive qualities
- Select and mix colors to create a color wheel—learn about primary, secondary, and tertiary colors

INTERMEDIATE

- Create a composition with positive and negative space
- Recognize and create images that illustrate movement
- Compare different types of media
- Experiment with line, shape, color, texture and space

ADVANCED

- Experiment with rhythm, proportion, emphasis, balance, and unity
- Understand and apply media techniques and processes
- Demonstrate understanding of proportion by drawing
- Understand visual art in relationship to history and culture

RESOURCES FOR ALL LEVELS*

The following resources are available at your local Extension office or shop4-H.org.

- *Get Started in Art* (4H592)
- *Sketchbook Crossroads* (08140)
- *Portfolio Pathways* (08141)

State Arts Opportunities

Find out about **arts camps** for different age groups and the annual **Celebrate the Arts** contest at <http://arts.wi4h.org>.

Every year, the **State 4-H Art Team** gives 4-H youth the chance to develop artistic and leadership skills. A professional artist leads the Team. Team members:

- Learn artistic techniques using a variety of mediums
- Teach seminars
- Train as peer leaders for county, regional, and state events
- Make a habit of signing and dating each piece to keep track of when you made it



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Exploring Essential Elements in Arts

BELONGING

- Create artistic welcome gifts for new club or group members.
- Work on an art project with someone else. Make sure you both get to add to it. Make important decisions together.

INDEPENDENCE

- Plan and lead an art project meeting.
- Choose an art workshop or camp to go to.

GENEROSITY

- Create a community art project or art exhibit with the help of your club or county.
- Share your talents with the local nursing home. Create art with the residents.

MASTERY

- Teach an art lesson at a project meeting or during a county-wide project day.
- Demonstrate your talents at a club meeting.

Career Pathways Beyond 4-H

Art Careers encompass a broad field of subjects.

Careers to consider:

- Art Teacher
- Animator
- Photographer
- Graphic Design
- Art Historian
- Interior Designer
- Art Therapist

You may also gain these personal qualities:

- Creativity
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Project management
- Networking
- Critical thinking

Applying Art Skills to Your Life

HEALTHY LIVING

- Make art a habit. Take time to make art daily, like eating healthy and exercising.
- Find new ways to communicate and make connections.
- Create art to:
 - › Lower stress and anxiety.
 - › Boost critical thinking and problem solving.
 - › Make you happier!

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH

- Experiment with settings on a digital or phone camera to set up scenes for your art.
- Create a nature sketchbook to capture what you see.
- Explore Environmental art and Eco Art.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Think about how art can explore, reflect on, or advocate for an issue. How could your art spark conversation, inspire people, or lead to positive change?
- Share your art skills with a local nonprofit or a nursing home.
- Volunteer with a nearby museum.

LEADERSHIP

- Work with a local Art Project Leader to plan the next project meeting.
- Lead an art workshop for youth in your club or county.
- Work with the Wisconsin 4-H Virtual Learning Community (<http://virtual.wi4h.org>) to offer an online art lesson to youth around the state.

Record Keeping

- Create a portfolio or journal to keep track of your art and accomplishments.
- Make a habit of signing and dating each piece to keep track of when you made it. You can see your personal growth throughout the years!
- Set goals for your work, and keep track of your progress!

Showing What You Learned

- Enter your art in a show or competition.
- Use your art skills in a community service project.
- Volunteer to lead a session at a project learning day.
- Put together a portfolio of several art projects that show your growth.
- Make a poster of the Elements of Art or Principles of Design.
- Join the State Art Team (<http://arts.wi4h.org>).

Caution Corner

When you create art:

- Wear appropriate clothing or safety gear for the project or task.
- Read product packages before starting the project. Follow safety rules with risky materials or tools (for example, glue guns, Exacto knives, fumes/ventilation, etc.). Ask for adult help if you feel unsure.
- Get permission before using someone's image, photo, art, or aspects of their culture. Learn the difference between cultural appreciation and appropriation. If the art or photo you want to use belongs to someone under age 18, get parent/guardian permission. Credit and acknowledge the person and/or culture when your artwork is completed.

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