



# COLLAGE BANNER

## 4-H Clothing Lesson

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SEW AND DECORATE A BANNER

### Project Skills:

Learn to sew using a running stitch.

### Life Skills:

Self Expression  
WI Academic Standards:  
Family and Consumer  
Education F.4. Learning to  
Learn

### Time:

25-30 minutes

### Supplies:

- 1 needle and spool of thread for each youth
- 1 - 1'x2' piece of fabric (denim, felt, burlap) per youth
- 1 pair of scissors per youth
- 1 - 14" dowel stick per youth
- 1 - 2' length of yarn per youth
- 4-5 straight pins per youth
- Decorating items such as:
  - o Scrap felt
  - o Markers
  - o Pipe Cleaners
  - o Fabric glue
  - o Transparent tape
  - o Anything else you want such as glitter or sequins!

Adapted from 4-H Fun with Clothes, Lesson 1 – Activity 13 (IFAS Pub. #SPCCL20), pages 32-33.

### WHAT TO DO

*Thread the needle*

1. Provide youth with the supplies listed.
2. Have youth cut an approximate 3' length of thread.
3. Demonstrate how to thread a needle.
4. Ask youth to thread their needle.
5. Have youth tie both ends of the thread together.

*Have youth follow these directions to make their banner*

1. Lay the piece of fabric out on a table. Lay the dowel stick 1" from the top of the narrow side of the fabric.
2. Fold the fabric around the stick. Use straight pins to pin the rolled fabric over the dowel stick, onto the fabric underneath.
3. Demonstrate how to use a running stitch to sew the fabric along the pin line.
4. Have youth use a running stitch to sew the fabric along the pin line.
5. Remove the pins and turn the fabric over.
6. Tie the 2" of yarn to the ends of the dowel stick

*Decorate your banner*

1. Have youth use decorating supplies and fabric glue to decorate the puppet.
2. Congratulate all the youth.
3. Encourage youth to take their collage banner home and show their friends, parent(s) or guardian(s).

### ENHANCE

- If you have access to sewing machines, have the youth use sewing machine to sew the banner. Refer to Clothing Lesson License to Drive for instructions on sewing with a sewing machine.
- If you do not want to use dowel sticks and yarn, you could use a coat hanger instead.

### TALK IT OVER

Try to get each youth to express his or her feelings and experiences.

*Reflect:*

- What was most difficult about making your collage banner?
- Why did you choose your particular decorations to decorate your banner?

*Apply:*

- What other things could you use your sewing skills to make?
- Why do you think that most clothing items are sewn using a sewing machine?

