

Guidelines for Create Your Own Project

For members choosing to enroll in the *Create Your Own Project* we suggest that these guidelines be followed.

Does the exhibit you plan to do fit in any other project category? If you answer “no,” then you qualify for *Create Your Own Project*.

- ✓ Exhibit should not be just a collection of items. (see e.g. below)
- ✓ The exhibit should represent an educational experience.
- ✓ The exhibit should be neat and fit in space no larger than 2' X 3'.
- ✓ A brief paragraph may be included to explain what was learned and why you chose to do this.
- ✓ If you are not present for judging, the above paragraph **must** be a part of the exhibit.

e.g. Collections are acceptable **if** you relate the experience to something educational. If you collected a group of shells from a beach...identify the shells with their proper name, tell their purpose in sea life, share where you found them, tell what they live on, and any other details that make this educational.

Scrapbooks are acceptable **if** tell about a topic that is not covered in another 4-H project area. Perhaps you may want to learn more about childhood diabetes. You could prepare a book with educational resources, interviews and pictures of people who have diabetes, pictures of food that should and should not be eaten and treatment protocol.

Scrapbooks or collections that are just put together for the fun of it are not acceptable exhibits. It must be educational.

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Create Your Own!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: () _____

Create Your Own Project Area: _____ Years in Project Area: _____

Planning for my project:

What will I do or Learn?	Who will help me?	When will I do it?	Did I finish it?

These are my goals for this project.

What will I exhibit at 4-H Project Expo? (For example: 1 - 2' x 2' display, notebook, etc.)

Agreement signed and approved:

Member _____ Date _____

Leader _____ Date _____

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