

Kalamazoo County Fair 4-H Needlecraft Guidelines

NOTE: Members may remain in one class for two years. Leader should determine the capability and advise progression. All projects should be fully constructed but be available to open so judge can see back.

EMBROIDERY:

- **Beginner:** Complete project of embroidery with 3-5 different simple embroidery stitches. Articles such as doilies, 5x7 picture, bib, clothing pocket, etc.
- **Intermediate:** Complete project of embroidery with 5-7 stitches. Large picture (8x10") placemat, quilt squares, design on jacket, pillow, etc.
- **Advanced:** Complete project of embroidery with 7-10 different stitches. Such as picture pillow (8x10" or larger), clothing, picture in hoop, etc.

CREWEL:

- **Beginner:** Complete crewel project using 3-5 simple stitches for article like picture, bell pull, clothing or pillow of at least 5x7", etc.
- **Intermediate:** Complete a larger crewel project using 3-5 different stitches such as a pillow (8x10"), a picture, a glasses case, etc.
- **Advanced:** Complete crewel project using 5 or more different stitches such as large item 8x10" or larger, picture, pillow or other suitable article.
- **NOTE:** All displayed articles must meet size and stitch requirements. Please check with superintendent regarding using kits.

COUNTED CROSS-STITCH:

- **Beginner:** Using 11 count aida cloth, complete project at least 4x5 inches; like a pin cushion, jar lid, ornament, etc.
- **Intermediate:** Using 14 count aida cloth, complete a project up to 8x10" like a picture, purse front, hoop picture, etc.
- **Advanced:** Complete a project using 18 or 22 count cloth including back stitch (8x10" or larger) like projects listed above.
- **Miscellaneous:** Waste Cloth cross stitch. Complete project using guidelines from above.

NEEDLEPOINT:

- **Beginner:** Needlepoint using #10 canvas and three different stitches. Complete project at least 6x6" in size such as key chain, pant pocket, coasters, or ornaments.
- **Intermediate:** Using #10, 12, or 14 canvas and using 4-6 different stitches, complete a project 8x10" or larger like a picture pillow or footstool cover, etc.
- **Advanced:** Using #12 or #14 canvas complete project with 6-8 or more different stitches such as a pillow, chair cover, tote bag, etc.
- **NOTE:** Completed project must be open in the back for the judge to see. Please check with superintendent regarding using kits.

PLASTIC CANVAS

- **Beginner:** Complete project 4x4" of completed work. Such as Christmas ornaments, key chains, etc.
- **Intermediate:** Complete project of larger size using plastic canvas such as tissue holder etc.
- **Advanced:** Complete project using plastic canvas with 2 or more articles and several different stitches.

MISCELLANEOUS (CANDLEWICKING, PUNCH EMBROIDERY, SMOCKING, HAIRPIN LACE, AND TATTING):

- **Beginner:** Project from above list completed according to age and difficulty of project.
- **Intermediate:** Project completed according to above list with size and difficulty to age and project.
- **Advanced:** Project from above list completed according to difficulty with age and project.

QUILTING:

- **Beginner:** Complete a project at least 12 inches by 12 inches that has been hand quilted, using either a stamped block, pieced, or appliqued using the three layer method; of backing, batting, and quilt top.
- **Intermediate:** Same as above with size of 12 inches by 24 inches.
- **Advanced:** Complete a project of a larger size, using only pieced or appliqued quilt top.
- **NOTE:** Quilt top that has been piece or appliqued may be sewed with machine, quilting must be done by hand.
- Please check with superintendent regarding using kits.