

NEVADA COUNTY 4-H PROFICIENCY PROGRAM

Creative Arts & Crafts – Overview

The **4-H Creative Arts & Crafts Proficiency program** helps you learn what you need to know about your 4-H project.

Your leader will assist you in setting and achieving your goals. Through your project you will acquire an understanding of the principles of artistic design; color, space, line, design, texture and space. You will also learn how to make good use of your leisure time in constructive activities as well as learning to make useful, artistic items.

There are many resources to help you learn more about your project:

- The **4-H Publications Catalog** lists a variety of project materials and resources recommended for use in your project.
- The **4-H Educational Resources and Lending Library** at your county 4-H office includes other books, videos and reference materials that can be checked out by members and leaders.
- Check to see if there are any local artisan groups or organizations in your community. These groups often conduct educational activities and sponsor craft shows.

There are four levels in the Project Proficiency Program. You may choose how many levels you wish to complete:

- **Level I – “Explorer”**, you begin to learn about many different aspects of your craft.
- **Level II – “Producer”**, you practice and refine the many skills involved in your craft area.
- **Level III – “Consumer”**, you become an experienced producer in your arts or craft area.
- **Level IV – “Leader”**, allows you to show your own leadership potential and that you can carry out a demonstration or experiment on some aspect of arts and crafts, and prepare a paper or portfolio.

Projects to be completed through this Creative Arts & Crafts Proficiency include: Handicrafts, Quilting, Cake Decorating, Beading, Macramé, Toile Painting, Stitchery, Needlecraft or Flower Arranging, Scrap booking, Card Making.

PRIMARY MEMBERS ARE NOT ELIBIGLE TO PARTICIPATE IN PROFICIENCY PROGRAMS.

