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CROCHET 4-H Project Guidelines

Project Objectives

Welcome to the Montana 4-H Crochet Project! This project is designed to encourage creativeness and to fit the needs of each individual member. Members will complete a [Montana 4-H Non-Animal Project Record](#) to record their learning activities and experiences. Project requirements are outlined below. Members are allowed up to three years to complete a project level. Additionally, members are also encouraged to share their project knowledge with others, such as at county fair project interview or a presentation at a club meeting.

Project Requirements

The 4-H Crocheting project is divided into three levels: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced. Skills to learn and suggested articles to make are below. To complete a project year, a member must create three articles. Use the book, [Crochet Made Easy](#), as outlined in the Montana 4-H Clover Project Selection Guide.

Beginner: Phase 1 and 2

Phase	Skills to Learn	Other Topics to Learn	Suggested Articles to Create	Suggested Fair Exhibit Projects
1	Winding and joining yarn Reading and understanding a pattern Chain stitch, single crochet double crochet, slip stitch Increasing, decreasing (if pattern calls for it)	Crocheting tools Crocheting terms Different yarns, threads Gauge and tension Blocking, laundering and caring for crocheted articles	Three or more articles using skills learned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scarf • Purse • Place mats • Potholder • Pillow case • Simple stocking cap • Bag • Belt • Pot holder • Hair bow 	One article showing one or more skills learned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chain stitch • Single crochet • Double crochet • Slip stitch
2	Understanding more advanced pattern instructions Attaching yarn of another color Treble crochet, double treble, v-stitch Crocheting in rounds; increasing, decreasing (if pattern calls for it)	New crochet terms More about yarns, threads More about tension, gauge Achieving textures by varying stitches	Two small or one large article(s) using skills learned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scarf • Cape or poncho • Top • Simple afghan • Slippers • Vest • Skirt • Toys • Drawstring bag and belt set 	One article showing one or more of the following stitches or skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treble crochet, double treble or v-stitch • Use of two or more colors



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Intermediate: Phase 3

Phase	Skills to Learn	Other Topics to Learn	Suggested Articles to Create	Fair Exhibit Projects
3	<p>Increasing, decreasing stitches Learn at least two of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filet mesh • Shell stitch • Working in rounds • Cluster stitch • Popcorn stitch • Puff stitch and variations • Bobbles stitch • Afghan stitch 	<p>More about types and sizes of yarns, textures Using an interchangeable yarn chart New crochet terms Fit of apparel articles Experiment with at least four different types of yarn and thread (from rug yarn to bedspread cotton) Review of Phases 1-2 to help develop additional skills</p>	<p>Two small or one large article(s) using skills learned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sweater with sleeves • Cape with arm slits • Patterned afghan • Rug • Small tablecloth or runner • Simple doilies 	<p>One article showing one or more of the stitches or techniques outlined under "Skills to Learn" for this phase.</p>

Advanced: Phase 4

Phase	Skills to Learn	Other Topics to Learn	Suggested Articles to Create	Fair Exhibit Projects
4	<p>Research and learn about unique stitches not found in <i>Crochet Made Easy</i>, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open mesh • Block or solid mesh • Long single stitch • Waffle (or rib) stitch • Picot (Irish crochet) stitch • Star stitch • Hairpin lace • Broomstick crochet <p>Research and learn techniques, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combining crochet with leather or fabric • Working with fine thread • Working with cloth strips • Multicolored patterns (jacquards) using charts • Draft pattern for a fitted garment • Create an original design 	<p>How to adapt for different size yarn Selecting different types of yarn or thread suitable for a pattern Charting Join a crocheting group Research new patterns</p>	<p>Two small or one large article(s) using skills learned, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poncho or cape • Afghan • Sweater • Vest or halter • Purse or bag with zipper 	<p>One article showing one or more of the stitches or techniques outlined under "Skills to Learn" for this phase.</p>

In addition to this guide, please use the following resources:

[-Crochet Made Easy](#)

[-My 4-H Year Record Book](#) (1/member per 4-H year)

[-Non-Animal Project Journal & Financial Record](#) (1/project per 4-H year)

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