



4-H Demonstration Contest

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Steps to a Good Demonstration

Step I:

Select a topic: **Pick a subject you know about, like your 4-H project.** Demonstration length – 2 to 3 minutes. **Make sure your information is correct.**

Example: Wildlife – “How to Make a Birdfeeder”
Arts & Crafts – “Making an Ink Blot”
Photography – “Doing Trick Photography”

Step II:

- Outline key points. Include information needed for you audience to understand.
- Plan a brief, interesting beginning for your presentation that will get everyone’s attention and explain the purpose of the demonstration.
- Posters can be helpful to illustrate key information.
- End your demonstration with a summary of the most important points of your presentation.

Step III: PRACTICE! PRACTICE! PRACTICE!



Helpful Tips and Tricks

Have your materials in the proper place where you can reach them easily before you begin. Use a table covering if your demonstration is messy.

Be sure the audience can see what you are doing. Avoid posters that are too crowded. Use large, well-spaced letters and artwork. When using visuals, plan sufficient narrative with each to allow the audience time to read or see the visual and avoid using too many as they might be difficult to handle

Awards: Ribbons will be given to all participants. Those receiving blue awards will be invited to a county level contest. Good Luck!

Explain everything clearly, speaking loudly enough to be heard in the back of the room. Be neat and clean in your appearance, having good posture and avoiding gum.

When you have finished, remove all your materials and leave the work area clean.

There is no access to ovens or stoves.

No live animals allowed

PowerPoints may be used for visuals. You will need to provide the tablet or computer or work with your teacher to download your files.