



NEEDLE WORK

WELCOME

Welcome to the 4-H Needlework Project! Please read through this guide carefully, as it contains information and suggestions that are important for your project. **4-H Leaders can obtain a Leader Project Guide and other resources from the PEI 4-H Office.** Hopefully you, as a member, will “Learn to do by Doing” through hands-on activities that will encourage learning and enjoyment. If you have any questions, contact your District 4-H Officer or your 4-H project leader.

4-H YEAR COMPLETION

You complete a project by:

- completing the project Achievement Day requirements
- completing a communication project
- completing a community project
- completing an agriculture awareness project
- taking part in Achievement Day

You must complete all of the listed aspects in order to show at Fairs and Exhibitions.



ACHIEVEMENT DAY REQUIREMENTS

Major Article (must take at least 20 hours)	65
Minor Article (must take at least 8 hours)	25
Monograms	<u>10</u>
	100 Marks

NOTE: The major and minor articles are not to be made using the same type of embroidery. Thus you are learning at least two needlework skills every time you complete this project. It is acceptable to make the articles using a kit.

EXHIBITION REQUIREMENT

Major Article

To thoroughly evaluate the construction of the articles, please do not frame the pieces but rather place on stretching bars.

The articles you choose to do are entirely up to you. Visit a needlecraft store and check out the different kits and pattern books that are available. The selection available may be overwhelming but be sure to choose a pattern that you like so you will enjoy doing it and take more care in its construction.

Ages for 4-H members as of January 1st of the 4-H year:

Junior: 9-11 years
 Intermediate: 12-14 years
 Senior: 15-21 years

Check out the PEI 4-H Web Site
www.pei4h.pe.ca

MONOGRAMS

In addition to completing a major and a minor project, you are required to stitch your initials - monograms. You may choose to put your monograms on something useful like pillowcases, towels, or you may decide only to make a sample. If making a sample, choose a solid colored piece of cotton approximately 15 cm x 15 cm.

Materials Needed:

- Item on which to work; towel, pillowcases, etc.
- Stranded embroidery cotton in the same color as fabric
- Fine embroidery crewel needle
- Embroidery hoop
- Monogram pattern (the monogram patterns can be found in the Leader Project Manual)



Instructions:

1. Trace the appropriate letter or letters and transfer to the fabric. Position individual letters either a single initial or two or three in a spaced row. When making a monogram of linked, or overlapping initials, however, you will need to plan more carefully.
2. Trace each letter onto a separate piece of tracing paper and try different arrangements until you find one that pleases you.
3. Then decide how the letters should interlace (i.e. which line goes over which, and where section should be removed altogether).
4. Make a tracing of the final arrangement and transfer it to the fabric.
5. Work the letter in padded satin stitch. Use four strands embroidery cotton for the filling and two strands for the satin stitch. Work sufficient long running stitches to fill the shape. You will need several rows of these filling stitches on the 'fat' areas of the letter and a single row for the 'thin' ones. Cover with very closely worked satin stitches.

STANDARDS FOR JUDGING HANDCRAFTS

General Score Card for Handcrafts

45	Workmanship
25	Creative Design
15	General Appearance
15	Colour



BE A GOOD SPORT!

In the spirit of "learn to do by doing", all those involved in 4-H are encouraged to practice good sportsmanship, use common sense at all 4-H activities, and the work in any 4-H project should be the member's own work.

JUDGES WILL BE LOOKING FOR...

- Neat, even hand stitches (except for special effects in creative stitchery).
- Accurate stitch technique.
- Ends securely fastened.
- Transfer marks not visible.
- Background fabric not wrinkled by stitches pulled too tightly.
- No obvious knots or long float threads on back.
- Yarn size related to mesh size of canvas.
- All of the top stitches go in same direction, unless emphasizing an area of the design.
- Well blocked, not pressed flat.

Community and Agriculture Awareness Projects

COMMUNITY PROJECT

Each year you are encouraged to provide a service to your community as a 4-H member. This introduces you to the responsibilities of citizenship. You must participate in your club's plan for a community project and you should have a role to play. Describe your involvement with your club's community project this year.



Our Community Project was _____

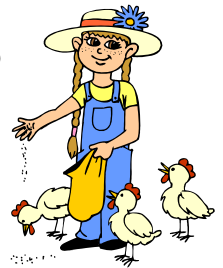
I helped by _____

It was beneficial because _____

I learned _____

AGRICULTURE AWARENESS PROJECT

Agriculture is one of PEI's main industries. You are expected to participate with your club to complete a project (or provide a service) which helps your club or others become aware of the importance of agriculture in our lives. As in the community project, you should actively participate.



Our Agricultural Awareness Project was _____

I helped by _____

It was beneficial because _____

I learned _____