



Home Environment



Step It Up!

Pass it on! Now that you know how, share it with others. Here are ideas to get you started.

Are you Into It?

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Making home a pleasant environment is the focus of this project

- Apply the principles of design when decorating spaces within the home.
- Put appropriate manners into practice as you interact with family members and others.
- Organize and maintain the space in which you live.

Communication

- Give a presentation on common courtesies
- Demonstrate how to draw a floor plan
- Demonstrate a maker skill

Citizenship

- Practice good manners as you interact with others
- Respect the property of others
- Volunteer at a local shelter
- Assist an older person with painting a room or replace the batteries in their smoke detectors

Leadership

- Organize a group of friends to help at a Habitat home construction project
- Teach home maintenance skills to others

4-H is a community of young people who are learning leadership citizenship and life skills.

Here's what you can do all year!

Starting Out Basic/Level 1

- Organize and keep your space neat and clean
- Create a design plan for your space.
- Personalize your space, using color and texture.
- Use do-it-yourself skills to make things
- Help others within your home.
- Practice efficient use of energy
- Practice good manners in interactions with others

Learning More Intermediate/Level 2

- Accept responsibilities around the home.
- Welcome others into your home.
- Develop skill in writing letters, invitations, and thank you notes.
- Apply design elements of color, texture, line, shape, and space as you make things.
- Draw a floor plan.
- Practice common courtesies in all situations.

Expanding Horizons Advanced/Level 3

- Apply the principles of design (balance, rhythm, emphasis, scale & proportion, and unity).
- Learn more about floor plans, furniture, and fabrics used in the home.
- Draw a floor plan and rearrange a room using the plan.
- Learn more maker skills.
- Search reputable sources for appropriate manners in unfamiliar situations.

Learn more at www.kentucky4h.org or contact your county extension office.





Take Home Environment Further!

Here are some other opportunities to explore:

- Contact your county extension office to participate in a local home environment club or related workshops.
- Keep records of everything you do and spend on your project.
- Enter an exhibit in the county fair. If selected to advance, enter your exhibit in the Kentucky State Fair.
- Give a speech or demonstration related to home environment in your county communications competition. If selected to advance, represent your county at Kentucky 4-H Communications Day in July in Lexington.
- Start your own business related to home environment, such as design, create, and market a home accessory to sell at craft shows.
- Shadow professionals working in fields such as energy, lighting, recycling, and environmental protection.
- Check out careers in interior design, organization, home staging, architecture, retail sales, home improvement, construction, and more.
- With a couple of friends, participate in 4-H Issues conference and learn how to effectively address community issues.

Exhibit Ideas

- Prepare an exhibit that meets the description requirements in the Kentucky State Fair Catalog [4-H Home Environment Division](#).
 - Many classes require documentation to be attached. Be aware that this may involve before, during, and after photographs.
 - Self-directed projects are generally complex and require a variety of skills, decision-making, and several months to complete.

Resources

4-H Resources	Other Resources	Record Keeping
Contact your county extension office about these projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home Environment Series: • Unit 1: Exploring your Home • Unit 2: Living with Others • Unit 3: Where I Live • Unit 4: In My Home Home Energy Detectives Manners for the Real World	Reference materials: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK Extension fact sheets 	Learning to keep records of what you do and spend is an important life skill. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record Form for projects without a specific form • Project Record Fact Sheet • Participate in 4-H Achievement

