

Fair Tips and Tricks

FairEntry Is Live – Let's Get Those Kids Registered! The countdown to fair fun has officially begun, and we're zipping full-speed ahead toward enrolling our awesome 4-Hers.

As I reflect on *my very first county fair ever* last year (what a whirlwind!), a few things stood out—especially ways we can make this year even smoother for everyone. One moment that stuck with me was seeing some of our talented kiddos walk away a bit disheartened because their photo mattes were mounted sideways. Let's not let confusion dim their shine this year!

Picture This: A Photo Mounting Victory! To avoid another matte mishap, we've added a helpful photo tutorial to the "Getting Ready" folder. Consider it your secret weapon for mounting success. If more hands-on support is needed, we're happy to pull together a quick workshop where members can practice alongside a 4-H photo project enthusiast. Let's turn those moments of "oops" into "wow!"

Mount Board: Photos must be mounted on a specific studio photo mount board or white matte board (usually 11" × 12.5"). **These are available at the Extension Office \$1.25**

Protection: Place the mounted board in a clear protective plastic photography bag or sleeve. Do not seal the bag. **These are available at the Extension Office**

Orientation: The board must always be oriented **vertically (portrait)**, even if the photo itself is **horizontal (landscape)**.

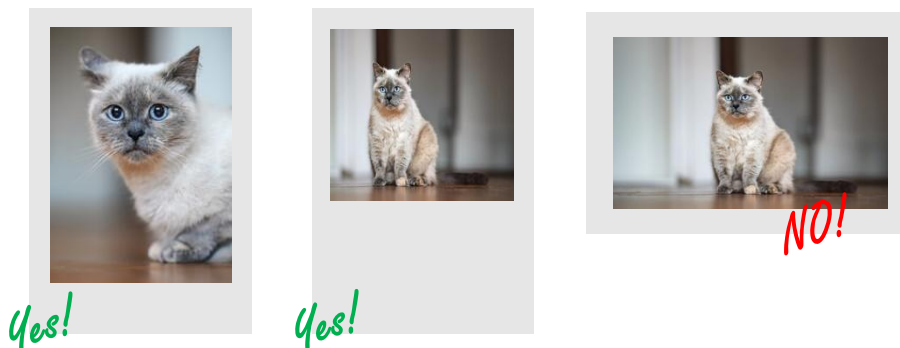


Photo Placement: Mount the photo exactly 1" down from the top of the board and centered equally from side to side.

Photo Size: Prints must typically be cropped to unbordered (remove all white borders on photos before mounting) sizes between 7" × 9" and 8" × 10".

Adhesive: Use only permanent, archival-safe photographic mounting adhesive (like spray adhesives or mounting tape). Do not use household glues, glue sticks, or rubber cement.

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Fiber Arts Hanging Tip: Don't Let Points Slip Away! One more note for our creative crafters—fiber arts exhibits that need to be hung **MUST** include a hanging mechanism: think **metal saw tooth hanger (not the paper/cardboard ones), rod, wire, or other sturdy support**. If your project can't hang, it sadly might not be displayed or could lose points. We don't have a tutorial

just yet, but a friendly reminder: let's get those backs prepped in advance so every masterpiece gets its moment in the spotlight.



Calling All Fair Superheroes: We Need You! Behind every smooth-sailing fair is a team of super-powered *Fair Superintendents* making it happen! Last year, several first-timers stepped up and made a huge impact—bringing energy, efficiency, and joy to the project areas they served. Imagine how epic it would be to have *every single* project area covered this year!

We're looking for both **adult and junior superintendents** to help take this year's fair to the next level. Whether you're a seasoned leader or ready to reveal your hidden super powers for the first time, we'd love to have you on board.

Contact us with questions or to say "I'm in!"—we're ready to help you suit up.

Let's make this fair one to remember—for all the *right* reasons. Feel free to reach out if you've got questions or ideas. It's go time, team 4-H.

Please call if you have questions: 620-382-2325