4-H Copyright Guidelines

Are you creating a 4-H exhibit or project for display at the fair?

Yes

Is the work in the public domain? (Is this something older than 1923 or of unknown origin?)

Yes

Use it. Make sure you give credit to the original source.

No

Is this an item that I purchased or photographed and I am using it as is without altering it? (Fabric, stickers, box, etc.)

Yes

Use it. By purchasing the item, you have purchased the right to use it.

No

Is this work covered by a Creative Commons license?

Yes

Use it. Make sure you follow license restrictions.

No

Does the use of the copyrighted work change it so that it does not resemble the original? Were major changes made?

Yes

Use it. Make sure that you include the original item to highlight the changes that you made.

No

Have you received permission from the creator/artist/photographer, etc. to use their work in your 4-H exhibit/project?

Yes

Use it. Make sure you include the permission letter with your exhibit.

No

Do not bring the exhibit/project to be displayed at the fair. It does not meet our copyright guidelines.

Learn about public domain at U.S. Copyright: A checklist for determining public domain can be found at: Copyright Term and the Public Domain.

Learn about purchased items under Questions #5, 8, and 9 in "Use of Copyrighted/Trademarked Material in 4-H Fair Exhibits and Activities".

Learn about Creative Commons and search for works at: creativecommons.org/

Learn about major changes under Question #3 on p. 2 in "Use of Copyrighted/Trademarked Material in 4-H Fair Exhibits and Activities".

Learn more about copyright permission on p.6-7 in the "Use of Copyrighted/Trademarked Material in 4-H Fair Exhibits and Activities".

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Please contact your local County Extension and Outreach Office for more specific questions related to copyright and fair exhibits.