

4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Poster Preparation

POSTERS

The main purpose of a poster or chart is to make it easier for your audience to understand your topic. A chart is used when a picture, such as a graph, best explains your topic. A poster is most useful when you want your audience to remember important facts or steps

Helpful Hints for Making a Good Poster

1. Use dark letters on white or light-colored paper.
2. Make sure everything is large enough to see from the back row of a room.
3. Make your poster in pencil first then trace over the letters with a dark marker.
4. Use a ruler to keep your letters straight.
5. Make your poster neat and easy to read.
6. Do not put too much information on one poster or chart.



Remember, visuals must be visible. The following tables could be used to choose the best letter size and thickness, colors of letters, and background.

Letter Size for Visibility*

Distance	Letter Size	Line Thickness
10 Feet	1/2 inch	3/32 inch
20 Feet	3/4 inch	1/8 inch
50 Feet	2 inches	8/16 inch
100 Feet	3 1/2 inches	11/18 inch
300 Feet	11 inches	2 inches

* Assuming good light, good eyes, and good color

Color Combinations for Visibility

1. black on yellow
2. black on orange
3. yellow-orange on navy blue
4. bottle green on white
5. scarlet-red on white
6. black on white
7. navy blue on white
8. white on navy blue
9. yellow-orange on black
10. white on black
11. white on bottle green
12. white on scarlet-red
13. white on purple
14. purple on white
15. navy on yellow
16. navy blue on orange
17. yellow on navy blue
18. scarlet-red on orange
19. emerald green on white
20. purple on yellow
21. purple on orange
22. white on emerald green
23. bottle green on yellow
24. scarlet-red on orange
25. emerald green on white
26. yellow on purple
27. orange on purple
28. bottle green on orange
29. emerald green on yellow
30. orange on yellow

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POSSIBLE PUBLIC PRESENTATION TOPICS

Choosing a topic which you are comfortable with and interested in is the key to a successful presentation. Now that Public Presentations are still several weeks away, you have time to think of a topic you'll enjoy. The following list of possible topics is the result of one club's brainstorming about possible topics. As you can see, the possibilities are endless.

Tuna fish salad	Show wisely	Putting out a fire
Taco Salad	How to do laundry	Chang a light bulb
Tossed salad	Washing dishes	How to do a cartwheel
Potato Salad	Dancing and Irish jig	Brush Teeth
Macaroni salad	How to budget money	Polish Fingernails
Three bean salad	How to bat	Nail Care
Chili	Pound puppy	Aerobics
French Toast	How to feed a baby	Knots
Christmas Cookies	How to diaper a baby	Make a rug
Cherry tarts	How to dress a baby	Apply for a job
Meat loaf	Baby sitting	Plan a vacation
Cooking meat	Snowman	How to dribble a ball
Soup	Snow fort	Make a mobile
Fried potatoes	Felt decorations	Chalk ornaments
Hard boiled eggs	Decorate easter eggs	Bread Dough Ornaments
Pudding	Halloween costume	School bus safety
Deviled eggs	Hypothermia	Driving safety
Making applesauce	Make clay	Seat belt safety
Making tea	Skate safety	Sport safety
Making coffee	Ski safety	Baseball safety
Raisin bread	Kitchen safety	Fishing safety
Corn bread	Cooking safety	How to get out of a burning house
Corn pudding	Camp safety	How to clean a musical instrument
Corn muffins	First Aid	Build a birdhouse
Peanut butter and jelly sandwich	How to safely light a candle	Build a bird feeder
Grilled cheese sandwich	Electrical safety	Fishing techniques
Cottage cheese sandwich	Make a skirt	Dog obedience
Making rolls	Crochet an afghan	Compass reading
Baking cakes	Stuff a pillow	How to properly answer the phone
Hershey kiss mouse	Make a scarf	
French braid hair	How to sew	
Fixing hair	Make an achievement book	
Applying makeup	Make a scrapbook	
How to demonstrate	Scheduling homework	
Salt map		

