



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

4-H Ceramics Units 7-9

Judging Sheet

Sculpture, Wheel Throwing, Molds

American System Placing: (Check One)
Champion _____
Reserve Champion _____
Placing 3-10 _____
Grand Champion _____
Reserve Grand Champion _____

Danish System Award: (Check One)
 (For County Use Only)
Blue _____
Red _____
White _____

Member Name: _____

County: _____

Jr. _____ Int. _____ Sr. _____ Yrs. in Project _____

Exhibit: Completed Ceramics e-Record presented in a sturdy binder/notebook. The project should be fully glazed and complete. **Unit 7:** One decorative art ceramic sculpture that is at least 4" in width or height and no larger than 12" in width or height. If it is meant to be hung for display, there should be a string, wire, hook or other way to display the item hung as part of the piece. **Unit 8:** A set of two matching functional pieces, such as two vases, cups, bowls, or plates of equal height, width and shape. **Unit 9:** A set of three to five articles produced using either a purchased or made slip casting mold. The articles must use the same mold to show consistency in production but can be finished using different techniques. Judges may use the back of the form for more comments.

Judging Element 1: 4-H e-Record: Complete means that everything filled out. Not complete means that there is something missing and needs a comment as to what is missing or why it is not complete. Project will be evaluated on the quality of information completed in e-record (25 %) and quality of exhibit (75 %).

E-Record Criteria	Complete	Not Complete	Comments		
Record Cover					
Project Goals					
What 4-H projects are you taking this year?					
What activities helped you learn the skills for this project? (workshops, project meetings, classes, contest, etc.)					
What leadership development experiences did you participate in?					
Citizenship/Community Service					
Demonstrations/Presentations/Speeches					
Project Expense/Return on Investment					
Goal Evaluation					
Project Photos					
Story (Seniors ONLY - Units 8 & 9 Business Plan Complete)					
Ceramics Information					
Ceramics Activities and Techniques Pages Two learning projects completed. Complete at least 3 technique columns including tools used, brushes used, media used and steps used to complete the project.					
Criteria	E	G	F	N/I	Comments
Judging Element 2: 4-H Ceramics Units 3-6 N/I = Needs Improvement - must have comments					
Show Creativity and Originality (consider age, experience and technique used)					
Clean-up and Construction – no larger than 4" x 12" (no evidence of seam lines or imperfections; all drip marks removed; piece sits evenly on table, stilt marks removed (felted or smooth); no nicks, chips, or rough areas; lids fit; thickness of piece and rims are even)					
Appearance of finished product (Proportion and balance of design, glaze should not have pinholes; should be clear not cloudy, no unwanted crazes or cracks; glaze should have an even application—no streaks, no rough areas or dust pockets; design should not appear too small or too large; all vessels need to be finished inside, bottom and/or our gate need to be finished.					
Artistic Elements: Color Value – Good dark/light balance Intensity – Good contrast between bright and dull areas Harmony – Pleasing arrangement of colors that work well Relation to Design – Does color enrich design?					
Appropriate for either functional or decorative use					

E= Excellent G=Good F=Fair N/I= Needs Improvement

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