

Tips for County Fair Exhibitors

The county fair . . . what a great time it is! Every summer, families flock to county fairs to see the latest 4-H project exhibits. Exhibiting is a fun way for you to showcase your project work. When you enter a metal enameling exhibit at the county fair, you'll be showing the public, and the judge, what you've learned in the project. Make your exhibit the best it can be.

Here are some tips:

1. Try to create a metal enameling design that is creative, authentic and original.
2. Try to use an inventive combination of materials and/or techniques.
3. The design should be appropriate to metal enameling and to the intended use of the item.
4. Findings and other devices in your exhibit should be appropriate and secure.
5. Your exhibit should have proper finish.
6. Enamels should be clean and bright, properly applied with an effective firing.
7. The back or underside of your exhibit should be enameled, lacquered or waxed, if needed.
8. All scale should be cleaned off and the metal polished.