

## 4-H CROCHETING GUIDELINES

Following are suggestions and helpful guidelines for the crocheting project. They are not hard and fast rules, but rather some guidelines for providing learning experiences in crocheting.

### GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ALL MEMBERS

- Clean hands and clean hooks must be constantly stressed.
- Learn how to combine hooks, yarn, thread, stitches and gauge.
- Learn how to select all materials needed and a pattern.
- Only wearing apparel can be exhibited at the style revue, but non-wearing apparel crocheting project can be exhibited at the fair.
- Wash article early enough to allow for ample drying time.
- Do not exhibit damp article.
- No machine made articles.

For fair: Project must be one fully finished crocheted item.

### EXPERIENCE GUIDELINES

Listed below are guidelines for techniques that could be learned at the various levels of experience. Each 4-H'er should have a new learning experience with each project. It is important not to let the 4-H'er get overwhelmed with their project. Crocheting skills, techniques or methods should be taught and advanced from year to year.

#### Beginner

- The member should have a good understanding of the basics. Learn how to hold the hook so yarn can flow smoothly in order to make stitches of uniform size and tension.
- Learn how to hold yarn and/or thread correctly. Learn how to make a slip knot. Learn how to do the chain stitch.
- Learn the basic stitches - single crochet, double crochet & triple crochet. Learn the slipstitch.
- Learn how to increase and decrease.
- Make a sample circle and square for practice. Learn how to read crochet abbreviations and follow directions.
- Learn correct gauge.
- Learn how to turn work.
- Learn how to sew seams.

Intermediate:

- Learn how to do double triple (treble) crochet and half-double crochet.
- Learn popular stitches - simple shell stitch, puff stitch, cluster stitch and mesh crochet.
- New skills should be learned each year.

Advanced:

- Learn how to change colors.
- Learn how to do more complicated patterns.
- Learn how to use different hook sizes and yarns.
- Learn how to use more than one pattern in a project.