

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 leathercraft 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 top 10 exhibiting tips:

1. Your leathercraft article should be neat, clean, uniformly done and complete.
2. The design should blend with the shape of the article.
3. Stamping should be accurate and evenly spaced according to the design.
4. Skiving or gouging should be controlled and uniform.
5. Dyeing, staining or antiquing should be neat and uniform.
6. Lacing should be neat and uniform. Ends should be secure and hidden from view.
7. Linings should show no wrinkles and should be evenly attached in all places.
8. A preservative finish should be applied evenly.
9. Soft leather items created from a pattern should have no visible tracing marks or glue.
10. If you are showing an article created from a kit, it should have unique design and craftsmanship.