



New Mexico 4-H Greentop Project Guide



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New Mexico 4-H Embroidery I & Advanced A 4-H Fibercraft Project

In this project, youth will learn:

Level I

- The correct use of embroidery equipment—needles, hoop, and thimble.
- To read instructions and follow steps in diagrams which are often used to illustrate embroidery stitches.
- At least 10 basic embroidery stitches using cotton embroidery floss and washable 4 ply yarn.
- Finishing techniques which result in a neatly finished article.

Level II

- Color and yarn combinations for a wide variety of embroidery stitches.
- Appropriateness of stitches to design articles and background fabrics.
- Techniques for transferring designs from picture or transfer design to fabric.
- Techniques for enlarging or reducing a design.

Level III

- History of colcha and crewel embroidery.
- Appropriate yarn and background fabrics for colcha and crewel embroidery.
- Colcha and crewel embroidery techniques.
- Appropriate finishing techniques for projects.

In this project, you will:

Level I

- Study needlecraft magazines and books for basic embroidery techniques.
- Make a sampler of at least 10 basic embroidery stitches. Finish the edges and keep with your embroidery equipment for future references.
- Select two simple projects, which use at least 5 basic stitches to complete the designs. Project may be a pre-stamped kit, an embroidery transfer, or a simple design of your own. Select appropriate yarns to complete each project.
- Study appropriate finishing techniques for project edges and/or back.

Level II

- Increase understanding of yarns, floss, and fabric appropriate for embroidery projects by studying needlecraft magazines and books.
- Create an original design. Transfer it to background fabric, and finish it using appropriate yarn, stitches and finishing techniques.
- Compute the cost of the finished products you plan to exhibit based on cost of material and time invested. Compare cost and quality with similar machine-made items.

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Level III

- Study the history of colcha and crewel embroidery.
- Use colcha embroidery to create an article for yourself or your home such as a shawl, wall hanging (at least 12" x 18"), tablecloth, shirt, skirt, vest, pillow, purse, etc.
- Use crewel embroidery to create an article for yourself or your home such as a picture (at least 12" x 18"), pillow, wall hanging, purse, shirt, skirt, vest, etc.
- Compute the cost of the finished products you plan to exhibit based on cost of material and time invested. Compare cost and quality with similar machine-made items.

Exhibit (with record sheet)

Level I

On plain woven cloth using cotton embroidery floss or washable, 4 ply yarn, complete the following projects using at least 5 basic stitches in each project:

- A small article for yourself (shirt, pants, purse, scarf, vest, etc.).
- A small article for your home (pillow top, placemat & napkin, pillow case, picture, etc.).

Level II

Two articles which show:

- Appropriate use of at least 10 basic stitches using at least two types of yarn suitable for embroidery.
- Finishing techniques appropriate for the background fabrics used for the project.
- One article should be an original design (attach pattern for the original design to the project).

Level III

- An article for yourself using colcha or crewel embroidery.
- An article for your home using colcha or crewel embroidery.

Required Publications:

- 4-H Embroidery Project and Record Book 100.C-1 (R-06)

Materials included with this project:

- 4-H Project Record Sheet 300 A-7 (R-2002)
- 4-H Embroidery Project Greentop #400.C-1

Requirements:

- Review your project book, record sheet and greentop to become familiar with the project before first Project meeting or practice.
- Complete the General Project Guidelines.
- Participate in club and county, district or state contests.
- Participate at county and state fairs.
- For completion of the Embroidery Project, complete the record sheet and turn in a county record book to your local Extension Agent.
- Project requirements vary according to First Year or Second Year.

Items made can be exhibited at local fairs depending on your experience:

- Local county fairs
- Demonstration project

Leadership Activities

- Give a talk or demonstration about your embroidery project at your club or county contest.
- Assist with fairs or Achievement Day in your county.
- Teach another person one of your skills you've learned.

Citizenship Activities

- Donating what you have created to a local nursing home or Senior Center during Christmas or any other opportunity that presents itself.
- Donate items created for a 4-H fundraiser.

Other related projects/publications

- Needlepoint
- Crochet
- Cross Stitch
- Other publications available on line at <http://cahe.nmsu.edu/pubs/>

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