You, as a 4-H girl or boy, can help your family a great deal by keeping your room in order. Your bedroom is your own private world, you can be proud of it when the gang drops in, if you do the things suggested in this project. You do not need to have a room all your own to do this project. Here are some things you should do during the year.

Make three or more items for your room. List the date completed for each project you do. The following are some suggestions:

- ______ T drawer dividers for your dresser or chest of drawers
- ______ T wastebasket
- ______ T dust cloth
- ______ T laundry bag
- ______ T covered clothes hangers
- ______ T wall hangers
- ______ T bulletin board
- ______ T any other item you wish to make

1. Keep bed in order each day.
2. Change bed linens each week.
3. Put away clothes, both clean and soiled.
4. Keep dresser or chest in order.
5. Sweep floor and dust at least once a week.
6. Keep your closet in order.
8. Tell in writing what you have learned in the project.
9. Share with someone else something you learn in this project. This may be done by demonstration, talk, exhibit, or showing others your room and telling them what you learned.
Wastebasket

Inexpensive wastebaskets may be made from 2 half gallon ice cream cartons either painted or covered with wall paper, gift wrapping paper, self adhesive paper, or cloth. Cartons may be purchased from ice cream manufacturers. You may have materials on hand that are suitable for this use. Wastebaskets should not attract attention in a room. Select colors and patterns that are the same as the room or that go well with other colors in the room.

How to Cover: The covering should be cut wide enough to extend at least 1 ½ inch beyond the top and 1 ½ inch beyond the bottom of the carton, and long enough to go around it plus one inch for overlap where the ends join.

1. Lay the material you have cut to fit your carton on a table with wrong side up. Draw lines 1 ½ inch from the bottom and 1 ½ inch from the top of your material, Fig 2

2. Put glue or rubber cement on the material between pencil lines. Glue is not needed for self adhesive paper.

3. Place the carton on the material so the top and bottom are even with the pencil marks, Fig 3

4. Slowly turn the carton, pressing the paper to it. Begin at the top. Be sure to smooth out all air bubbles, Fig 4

5. Apply glue to material that is to go under the bottom edge of the carton. Press in place. You will need to make several slits in the paper so it will fit smoothly, Fig 5

6. Apply glue to the material that will go over the top edge of the carton. Be careful not to add so much glue that it runs down on the inside. It is easier to add a little extra near the edge than to wipe off excess.

7. You may or may not cover the outside bottom of your basket.

8. To protect the inside bottom of your wastebasket from becoming stained, cut a piece of heavy cardboard slightly smaller than the inside bottom. Cover it with a piece of aluminum foil. Cut foil large enough for a 2 inch fold under to the wrong side. Press in place. If it fits snugly, it will not fall out when you empty your wastebasket.

9. To protect your wastebasket, you may finish it inside and out with clear varnish or shellac.

If you do not care to make a wastebasket but need one, shop around to see if you can find one that will look nice in your room. Before buying one, first compare the cost of a self-made one with the kind in the stores.
Laundry Bag

A small laundry bag for personal laundry is a convenient closet accessory. Materials for laundry bags should be washable. Use cotton prints, gingham, percale, denim, un-bleached muslin or feed bags. You could use the same fabric used to make curtains or bed spread if it is sturdy and washable. A suggested size for a laundry bag is about 17 inches wide and 26 inches long.


How to make:
1. Fold material in half lengthwise, stitch 1/2 inch from edge, along selvage, leaving 10 inches unstitched, (Fig 6).
2. Press seam open. Re-fold the material so the seam is in the center, wrong side out.
3. Pin or baste bottom edges even and stitch a 1/2 inch seam across the bottom. Back stitch or tie threads at each end of seam, (Fig 7).
4. With pencil, shape top of bag to fit the curve of the wooden hanger. Stitch along this line. Back stitch or tie threads at each end of seam, (Fig 8).
5. Turn bag right side out and press. Put hanger in bag at top and you are ready to put it in your closet for use, (Fig 9).

Covered Clothes Hanger

Covered clothes hangers prevent rust spots on your clothes. This is very important in our damp Florida climate, especially if your house is not air conditioned. One good way to cover hangers is to use cotton rug yarn and do a blanket stitch around the wire. You will need about nine or ten yards of yarn for a hanger. A light color which goes well in your room will make your closet look nice. Dark colors may fade on your clothes.

How to Cover:
Measure the needed length of yarn and roll into a ball. Tie one end to the clothes hanger just above where it begins to spread out on twisted part of hook. Take the ball of yarn over the wire, down through the hanger, and back up between the wire and yarn. Draw the yarn up tight toward the knot. Repeat this until you have gone all the way around the hanger. Tie yarn at end. Do not cover the part which goes over the rod in the closet.
Wall Hangings

This could be pictures, string paintings, fabric hangings, snapshot arrangements or others. Check with your Leader for ideas on making wall hangings.

Bulletin Board

A bulletin board in your room gives you a place to pin or tack souvenirs, ribbons, cards, and other keepsakes. Before making a bulletin board, you need to decide where you want it and how large it should be. The essential part of all bulletin boards is a piece of ½ inch thick insulating board, wallboard, or cork. Remember, use a board into which you can put pins or thumb tacks. You can cover the board with fabric; Monk’s cloth, flannel, or burlap are good fabrics to use.

An easy way to hang this type of bulletin board is to drill two holes in the board about three inches from the top and sides. Use two bolts just long enough to go through the board and hold the bolt nut on the back side. If the screws are counter sunk, that is, put in the board deep enough so that the heads are level with the board, they will not show through the fabric. Use picture wire for hanging the bulletin board. Fasten the wire between the board and nuts.

How to Cover:

C Cut the fabric about 6 inches wider and longer than the board. Spread the fabric flat on a table or clean floor with wrong side up.
C Place the front of the bulletin board down on the fabric, leaving an even margin all the way around.
C Turn edges of fabric over back of bulletin board. Fasten the fabric in the center on each side, then turn the corners and edges. The fabric may be fastened with tacks, masking tape, or staples. You can miter the corners if the fabric extends the same around on all sides.
C Fold the corner of the fabric over the corner of the board. If the fabric is very heavy, cut the tip off. Fasten corner of fabric to board.
C Bring one corner and edge into place, next fold the other corner and edge into place as the first corner. Miter all corners as you did the first one.
Storage Boxes

Storage boxes can help keep your room in order. If they are covered or painted, they are more attractive. They may be covered with wall paper, gift wrapping paper, self adhesive paper or cloth.

How to Cover:

1. Cut a piece of paper or cloth large enough to cover the bottom, all four sides, and enough to lap over the edges about one inch.

2. Lay covering on a flat surface, wrong side up. Spread glue on bottom of box, self adhesive paper does not need glue. Set box in center of covering material, long edges of box parallel to the long edges of covering material, (Fig A).

3. Spread glue on one end of box and pull covering material up over it. Smooth out bubbles by rubbing from bottom up toward top.

4. Crease along the bottom edge and cut on crease in toward and up to the corner of the box. Trim all but one inch from the side flaps and smooth in place, (Fig B).

5. Do other end in same way.

6. Spread glue on sides of box and smooth covering up over them, (Fig C).

7. Spread glue on edges sticking above box and smooth down inside of box.

8. Cover lid in the same way.
Things Away

Tossing clothes on the floor, the bed or a chair is rough on your clothes as well as the looks of your room. Clothes which are to be worn again should be put on hangers or back in the dresser drawer. Soiled clothes should be put in the laundry bag or basket. Be sure to let damp clothes dry before putting them in the closet, dresser drawer, or laundry. This will help prevent mildew. How does your dresser or chest look? Circle the picture that looks like your dresser before you started this project.

Like this? OR Like This?

Most people are collectors at heart. Are you? _________ Do you have your most convenient storage spaces cluttered with things you seldom or never use? _________ Why not make space for the articles you must have and use often, discard those you do not need or use. Move the ones you seldom use to an out of the way place. Free the drawers for articles you use all the time. Well planned drawer storage can help keep your room looking nice.

It is a pleasure to open a drawer and find the article wanted without hunting around for it. Stored articles usually are in better condition when there is a definite place for them in the drawer and not all jumbled together. Drawer dividers make a place for everything and keep everything in its place. You can buy or make dividers. The shape and size of drawer and the articles you keep in it will determine the plan you use. No two people are likely to use the same plan. Dividers help organize the contents of drawer storage space.

Make Dividers:

Cut a piece of paper the size of the bottom of the drawer for a pattern. Try placing articles in different ways to find the best place for them. Plan to store nearest the front of the drawer the things you use most often. After you have decided on the most convenient arrangement, mark on the paper the space needed for each section. When you have marked all sections you have your pattern. You may get an adult to help you make the dividers.

Inexpensive materials suitable for dividers are 3/8 inch plywood or any other light weight wood, Masonite or heavy cardboard.
The height of the divider should be ow enough for you to reach into each section easily. Measure the inside depth of drawer. Decide on best height for dividers; 2 ½ inches is a good height to use for drawers 4 to 5 inches deep. Cut strips of divider material the lengths and widths needed according to measurements on your pattern. Cut slits where the dividers cross each other. These slits must be 1/4 inch longer than one-half the width of the divider, and 1/8 inch wider than the thickness of the strip of material. Fit strips together as planned. Hold them together with masking tape. Try the divider in drawer to see that it fits.

Finish the strips before permanently putting them together or fastening in drawer. The edges of wood should be sanded until they are smooth. You may wish to round the upper edges so they will have a finished look. The strips of Masonite may be smoothed with sandpaper, too. Cardboard may have rough edges you can bound with masking tape. This makes an attractive finish and adds strength. You may want to paint or varnish the dividers or cover them with wallpaper, shelf paper or self adhesive paper for a more finished appearance. If paper is used, it should be a color that does not fade when damp.

You can put wooden dividers together and hold in place in the drawer with small finishing nails. Small wooden cleats or blocks are satisfactory for holding both wood and Masonite dividers in place. Masking tape will hold all kinds of dividers in place, and is especially good to use for temporary storage. Boxes make good dividers too. They should be covered to protect articles and to make them more attractive. For directions on covering boxes see page 6. Boxes should be the correct size for the things you are going to put in them.

**Making Sliding Tray:**

Trays that slide from front to back, or from side to side are convenient in deep drawers and in drawers where small articles are stored. These trays slide on runners and are less than one-half the size of the drawer. In some cases two small trays might be used instead of one larger one.

Make runners on the sides or ends of the drawer of 1 inch by 1 inch stripping, quarter round or any small strips of wood. Smooth strips before fastening to drawer. Measure carefully the place for the runners. Nail or glue in place. The bottom of the tray may be made of plywood, and light weight wood or Masonite. Determine the size and shape needed. Cut the bottom of the tray. Check to see if it fits and will slide easily. Make the sides of the tray from plywood or lattice stripping fit and nail together the strips at the corners. Then nail to the bottom section of the tray. Finish the same as you did the divider strips. The tray should be shallow enough not to interfere with the articles stored below it. A tray may have dividers in it to hold the stored articles in place. You may use a box with small sections as a sliding tray. If box is smaller than size of tray needed, fasten it to a piece of plywood that fits into the drawer.
Look at your Closet:

Do you like what you see? Is it neat or all jumbled up? Storage boxes in the closet can help you keep it looking nice. Cover the boxes to make them more attractive. You will need to label boxes so you know what is in them. Step shelves for shoes or a shoe rack will help keep the closet in order.

Suggested Size:

- Length ----- 24 inches
- Height ----- 18 inches
- Depth ------ 12 inches

You will need to sand the wood smooth and apply some kind of finish to your step shelve. You may want to paint it the color of the inside of your closet or put a natural finish on it. Ask your leader or another adult to show you how to finish the step shelve.

Your closet should be arranged so you can find things easily and quickly.

- Sort out garments not in season and put them away, somewhere else or hang in back of closet.
- Take out clothes you have outgrown.
- Sort clothes by use such as out-of-door sports, dressy clothes, school clothes, etc.
- Always hang up or put away clothes and other personal belongings in their proper places after using them.

Dust Furniture:

Dust furniture often, sometimes every day. Use a clean, soft, lint free cloth or dust mitt. You can make and treat your own dust cloths and mitts. When furniture has a wax finish or has been waxed, use an untreated cloth because oil softens and dulls wax.

Make Dust Cloths

1. Cut or tear cloth into pieces of convenient size for handling, use old sheets, towels, men’s undershirts, or similar discarded articles.
2. Remove buttons, snaps, heavy seams, or anything which might scratch furniture finish.
3. Hem cloths so threads will not shed when you dust.
Make Dust Mitts

1. Lay your hand flat on a piece of paper, fingers together and thumb stretched. Trace around hand.
2. Allow 3/4 inch all the way around and cut out, this is your pattern.
3. Using the same kind of fabrics suggested for dust cloth, cut two pieces for each mitt. Sew together, using 1/4 seam. Leave top open so hand will go into it
4. Hem top. Turn so that seams are inside.

Make several mitts and treat them all at one time, to treat cloths and mitts, mix together:
* 1 quart of hot water
* 1 tablespoon soap fakes or synthetic detergent
* 1 tablespoons turpentine or household ammonia
* 2 tablespoons boiled linseed oil

1. Put cloths and mitts in solution and let stand about 30 minutes.
2. Wring out, dry and store in a jar or can with a tight fitting lid.
3. Wash cloths when they become dirty.
4. Treat cloths again after they are washed.

Tips on Dusting Furniture

Ñ Use two cloths or mitts and dust with both hands, this saves time. Ñ Start at one place and dust around the room. Ñ Be sure to dust corners and grooves. Ñ Take everything off the dresser or table, dust top, and then rearrange items. Ñ Always use clean dust cloths.

Floor Care

Floors need to have dust and sand removed often. Sand will scratch most floors. A vacuum cleaner is an excellent appliance for removing dust and sand. A soft broom or hair brush is better for sweeping than a stiff broom. If you are using a dry mop to dust floors, be sure it does not have a lot of oil on it as oil softens wax and causes it to have a dull look. A slightly damp mop is good for removing dust.

Always wipe up spills immediately for safety and to prevent a bigger cleaning job. For more information on floor care, ask at your Extension Office.
Mat Board Sculpture

You can draw an object so that it looks three-dimensional, but the paper you work on is flat, having only the dimensions of length and width. If you run your hands over a sculpture, however, it is not flat. Sculpture adds depth to a work. This art form may be made from a variety of materials including wood, stone, clay, and plaster. While it is not permanent, you can even make a sculpture at the beach by building a figure or sand castle. Mat board, a material used by artists to frame photographs, drawings, and paintings, is available in beautiful colors and textures. When an artist frames a piece of work, he or she often has scraps of mat board left over which are too small to use in framing other pictures. This type of board is made of many layers of paper glued together, and it is not recyclable. You can help save landfill space, however, by making a sculpture out of the scraps.

You will need: Mat board (5" x 7" for a base)
- Mat board scraps
- Wire (optional)
- White glue
- Utility knife or paper cutter

How to: Use scraps of mat board just as you find them, or have an adult cut the pieces into smaller shapes using a utility knife or paper cutter. Place the mat board so the 7" side is in front of you. Begin by gluing taller pieces on edge at the back of the 7" side of the mat board. Gradually work your way to the front of the mat board, gluing smaller and shorter pieces as you proceed. This project takes more patience than glue! Hold each piece you are gluing on edge ten seconds or so to ensure that it will stay in place. To finish, glue a few interesting shapes to some of the larger pieces.

Tips and Tricks: If you are not able to get mat board scraps from an artist, ask your local picture framer to save them for you. Tell the framer no size is too small for this project, and be sure to go to the shop regularly to pick up the mat board. Save larger pieces for other projects. You can make this activity more interesting by adding scrap wire to the project. Telephone wire comes in many colors, and it can be wound around a pencil to make spirals. To secure the wire, make a hole in the base of your sculpture with a compass point. Poke the wire through and tape it to the bottom of the mat board.

Simple Storage Ideas for Kids' Rooms

Trellis Display

A painted garden trellis is an imaginative way to store and organize your handbag or hat collection. Fancy drawer pulls can be used to decorate the wooden pegs of the trellis. Sand, prime and paint the trellis in the color (or colors) of your choice, then screw it to the wall at your height.
Helping in the Home Record  
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I vacuumed and dusted my room ________________ times.

I made my bed ________ times.

I changed the sheets _______ times.

Did you set a goal when you started this project? ___________ What was it?

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Tell about your successes/failures in this project. _____________________________________________

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Write a paragraph about what you liked and disliked about this project. _____________________________

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**Project Summary**

**LEADERSHIP**

List your accomplishments both in this project and as a member of your club, county council, etc.
*Ex: participate in TLC as the delegate to District VIII meetings, opening pledge at club level.....*

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

List in detail your individual or club community service accomplishments and the purpose for the service.
*Ex: Our 4-H Club saw a need for a food drive & collected 200 items that were delivered to the needy.*

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### PRESENTATIONS

List in **detail** the demonstrations, speeches, exhibits, workshops where you presented. Also list the topic of your presentation & the level at which you participated at.

*Ex: County Events Demonstration - “How to prepare your Rabbit for Show” Check County*

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### CLUB ACTIVITIES

What activities did you participate in with your 4-H Club.

*Ex: Workshops, fair, field trips, judging trips*

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NEWSPAPER Articles and/or Pictures of your 4-H Project

NEWSPAPER Articles are extra and will not be deducted. If you or your 4-H club was in the newspaper please attach the article here.

For project pictures, be sure to include captions describing each photograph. If possible show (The Beginning of your project, work being done and your completed project. (Minimum of 3 pictures). You may insert pages as needed.
Your 4-H Story

In your story include as many of the following as possible.

6) What 4-H work has meant to you.
7) What you have learned.
8) What safety practices you used in your project.
9) How you managed your project.
10) What you can do to improve your project next year.
11) About your trip to Congress, camp, the fair, etc.
12) What you did to “Make the Best Better”.
13) About any other 4-H experiences.

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