

2026 Home Decorating & Design

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PROJECT NUMBERS

- ✂️ 491 – It's My Home
- ✂️ 494 - Makeover My Space
- ✂️ 495 – Living On Your Own **NEW 2026**
- 📦 1493 - Furniture & Woodwork Recycling

EVALUATION TIMES & PLACES

Projects will be judged Tuesday, July 21st after 5pm at the Erie Co. Fairgrounds. **Specific** judging times for each project will be posted on our website in July. go.osu.edu/eriejudging

Results will be posted and e-mailed the next day.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:

FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE: Entries via FairEntry Online System due by July 20th at 11:59 p.m.

PROJECT CHECK-IN: Sunday, August 9th from 5-8 pm

PROJECT CHECK-OUT: Sunday, August 16th from 9 am-NOON

Please plan to help tear down project building at 12 noon.

Projects will be at the Extension Office Monday, August 17 until September 15, 2026.

KEY LEADER – Emily Cutler 419-656-0666

Extension Educator Responsible – Angie Holmes

PROJECT RULES & REQUIREMENTS

1. 4-H members should bring to judging a completed project book with their fair exhibit. **No flat posters.** (Complete the "Project Guide" section and at least the minimum activities.) Completed project book and project guides are required at all judgments. If book and/or guidelines are not complete or not present, the letter grade will be lowered, and the member is not eligible to place.
2. Appropriate attire for judging and small project auction is required. Appearance should be neat, clean, and respectful. No shorts, tank tops, tube tops, halter tops, midriff tops, or low-rise jeans should be worn.
3. All projects displayed at the fair must be identified with name, age, and project. Display must be for the current year's project. Do not bring project books for fair display! We only have room to display the projects. No flat posters.

✂️ Designates projects that are eligible for the state fair, if the member is selected.

📦 Denotes Small Project Auction Eligibility for first place winners. 4-H'er must make the sale item and it must relate to the project. Read Small Project Auction Rules. **Sign up by Friday, August 7, 2026.**

Sale checks will be mailed. All checks must be cashed by November 25th of the current year or funds are forfeited. This includes issued checks and checks held for not meeting requirements, i.e. Thank you notes or poultry cards not submitted. No exceptions allowed.



✂️ **491 It's My Home** - (Age 8-10, no experience needed) - Follow the member project guide on page 3 of the book for completion requirements and be sure to record your progress on pages 4-7 of the book along with all the questions and exercises through-out the book. Bring completed book to judging along with your display.

Judging and Fair Exhibit: Participants need to bring an item constructed in the project according to the requirements listed in the project book, visuals to show how the item helps make more pleasing and practical living spaces in the home. Participants may choose to bring 1 or 2 more items that you made for this project to create a nice display.

(State Fair restricts display to a 3-foot area or a 3-foot table space)

✂️ **494 Makeover My Space** – This project is all about room makeovers.

Judging and Fair Exhibit: Follow the project guidelines on page 5 of the project book to complete this project. a) Bring your completed project book to judging. If you created a separate design portfolio as explained on page 4 of the project book, you need to bring your portfolio also. Be sure you take before and after photos and include them in your project book or design portfolio. b.) Participants need to bring visuals (an exhibit of items from the project, or pictures, etc.) and their project book to show their project accomplishments according to the requirements in the project book. (State Fair restricts display to a 3-foot area or a 3-foot table space)

✂️ **495 – Living On Your Own NEW 2026** - Follow the member project guide on page 3 of the book for completion requirements and be sure to record your progress on pages 3-6 of the book along with all the questions and exercises through-out the book. Bring completed book to judging along with your display.

Judging and Fair Exhibit: Bring a project display representing your learning experience of the current project. All projects to be judged and exhibited at the fair should be educational display that fits into a 3-foot area. (State Fair restricts display to a 3-foot area or a 3-foot table space)

🔧 **1493 Furniture & Woodwork Recycling** - Restore one large or several small pieces of **furniture or woodwork**.

Judging and Fair Exhibit: a) Bring before-and-after pictures of your project. b) Keep accurate records of your progress--what you did, when you did it, results, costs. Bring these records to judging. c) Exhibit your restored project

*Junior Fair projects may not be sold on the fairgrounds except through the fair project auctions.
For sale signs may not be posted on projects.