

# Woodworking 4-H Project Newsletter



*This Woodworking Project Newsletter contains information specific to the Woodworking Project. Please use it in conjunction with the General 4-H Information Bulletin, so that you are aware of Achievement Day completion requirements as well as general opportunities and information pertaining to all 4-H members. This Project Newsletter, as well as the General 4-H Information Bulletin, will be updated in December of each year, if necessary, based on changes made at the 4-H Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting.*

Welcome to the 4-H Woodworking Project! This newsletter will give you an overview of the Woodworking project, answer some of your questions concerning expectations of the project, and provide you with project ideas and some resources. Project newsletters are an excellent reference to keep on hand to refer to throughout the year. Enjoy your year in the Woodworking project and when working on your project, remember to "Learn to do by Doing." If you have any questions, please contact your [Regional Program Coordinator \(RPC\)](#).

## **Project Work Requirements**

On Achievement Day, Woodworking members will be required to display three (3) projects. One of the sections available to members is Section #9 – Refinishing; in this section, you can refinish an existing article. Members can only do a maximum of one (1) refinishing project per year as their 4-H article. If you choose to make a large article which requires an extensive amount of time or considerable costs, it can count as more than one project work article for completion purposes. Please make prior arrangements with your RPC.

## **Checklist for Achievement Day**

- Have you sanded your project enough to make the item smooth and have you removed the pencil marks?
- Have you applied enough finish and is the finish smooth? In most cases, an extra coat of finish won't hurt and, if necessary, you may need to use steel wool to make it smooth.
- Is there excess glue or finish on the item?
- Do all the joints fit tightly? Have they been prepared so they fit properly?
- Do nail heads and screws look right or do the holes need to be plugged or covered?
- Have you put on hooks for hanging?
- Does the wood you are using match the item you are making?
- Is the item sturdy and stable?

These are very basic questions, but are often the most common mistakes. A little extra time can make all the difference in your 4-H project.

#### 4-H Nova Scotia Class & Sections:

Below you will find a list of the woodworking sections and a short list of articles which might fit within those sections in which 4-H woodworking members may enter project articles. These are the sections which are used at club Achievement Days, county show, and provincial level competition:

#### Class 8: Woodworking

<b>Section 1:</b>	Tables
<b>Section 2:</b>	Other Household Furniture
<b>Section 3:</b>	Large Shelves and Racks
<b>Section 4:</b>	Small Shelves and Racks
<b>Section 5:</b>	Decorations - Trinket boxes, Looney Banks, Mirrors, Wall Clocks, Carvings, Decoys, Frames, Lawn Decorations, Signs.
<b>Section 6:</b>	Novelty - Games, Puzzles, Toys, Door Knockers, Puppets, Small Wagons
<b>Section 7:</b>	Outdoor Utility - Signs, Bird Feeders, Bird Houses, Window Boxes, Wood Boxes, Lawn Furniture, Mailbox Posts, Park Bench
<b>Section 8:</b>	Indoor Utility - Paper Towel Racks, Note Holders, Cutting Boards, Footstools, Tool Boxes, Nesting Boxes, Bookends, Bread Boxes, Outdoor signs.
<b>Section 9:</b>	Refinishing
<b>Section 10:</b>	Lathe Work/Wood Turning

#### Suggested Group Activities

Why not try some group outings with your woodworking project group? It can be lots of fun and a great way to learn new ideas. Some ideas are:

- Visit a sawmill or woodworking shop;
- Learn to identify different types of wood, both in their natural state and dressed;
- Make a group project such as a trophy case or a sign welcoming people to your community. This can be considered one of your three projects for Achievement Day;
- Have a craftsperson demonstrate their work to you and speak about their work.

**Woodworking Competition** – Open to all members enrolled in the Woodworking project. Members are tasked with constructing a small useful item based on material and patterns provided. Members must construct, sand, and stain the article and finish within a set time – typically 1 hr. Members will be judged on construction techniques, sanding and quality of the finished product. This competition takes place at county level; the top junior and senior members can advance to 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show.