

Category - Creative Choice

General Information:

This category is designed to allow students to participate in a category that is not listed. *HOWEVER, the entry must meet the approval of the ShowCase committee.*

Helps to consider:

Entries may not include food items and must occupy a space no greater than two feet square. Larger items must get prior approval. The entry must be completely finished, the sole work of the student, and plagiarism will not be accepted.

Students must not receive help on their projects other than instructions. Originality is encouraged, but any variance from pattern should be explained. Submit pattern used. The neatness of a finished work will enable your work to present well. Items will present well if they are cleaned, blocked, or whatever technique is appropriate for your project. Use of various techniques and materials in a unique way will create an effective project.

Judging Criteria

Originality:

- Work reflects student's own ideas and styles rather than following the pattern
- Unique subject matter or unusual visual approach
- Personality of entry (piece may be technically perfect but lack a unique quality)

Craftsmanship:

- Use of line, space, texture, and contrast
- Appropriate use of materials

Workmanship:

- Consistency throughout project
- Precision of detail
- Quality of finishing

Presentation:

- Entry meets size requirement
- Demonstrates knowledge of tools, materials, and procedures used
- Overall appearance of finished entry