



Crocheting

Crocheted Snakes and Fair Preparedness



Background

Being prepared is very important. Making sure students are ready for fair is very important. Have a copy of fair entry information and deadlines for each member for county fair. The same information should be given to members for State Fair in case their items qualify for the State Fair. If you need help finding this information, contact your local extension office. You can choose to help them enter all their items or have them do it at home. Entries may be done online so you would need computer or smart phone and internet.

Some counties may require learning statement cards for each item; find out whether your county requires them. If they do, obtain copies to hand out to members. Fair exhibits are the culmination of project work, not the focus. The exhibit should represent the member's best efforts. The project is part of the learning and growth of the member that occurs during the 4-H year.

At fair the member will participate in interview judging. Interview judging not only introduces youth to the interview process, but more importantly it is the judge's opportunity to complete the experiential learning process described previously. During the interview process it is recommended that 60% of the judges' final decision be based on the interview, with the remaining 40% based on the project itself. It may be beneficial to have a mock interview session with the members to help them feel comfortable with this process.

Discuss with members that fair is our opportunity to show off what we have learned. Many counties have a presentation day where members can prepare a presentation to present. This can be a great learning opportunity for those who want to participate at the state level at the Showcase Showdown in June. Contact your local Extension office for more information.



Time

Will vary per member and their capabilities.

If members have not finished the project at the meeting encouraged them to take it home and work on it.

Activity I Materials

- Snack for each member
- Aluminum crochet hook size G-6
- Yarn
- Scissors
- Two colors of felt for the eyes (Such as White and Black) or buttons (remember buttons can be a choking hazard for young members).
- Black or red felt for the tongue.
- Needle and Thread
- Glue
- Copy of fair rules and entry information for each member
- Internet
- Smart phone, computer IPad, etc.

Space Required

Room with comfortable chairs.

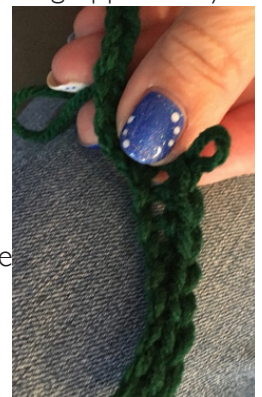
Before the Meeting

Have members bring their supplies or gather enough supplies for every one participating. Make sure there are enough chairs for everyone. Have members wash their hands to keep yarn clean before they start crocheting. Ask community members, to come and hold a mock interview, so kids can practice talking to adults they aren't familiar with for preparation of fair.



Activity I Instructions

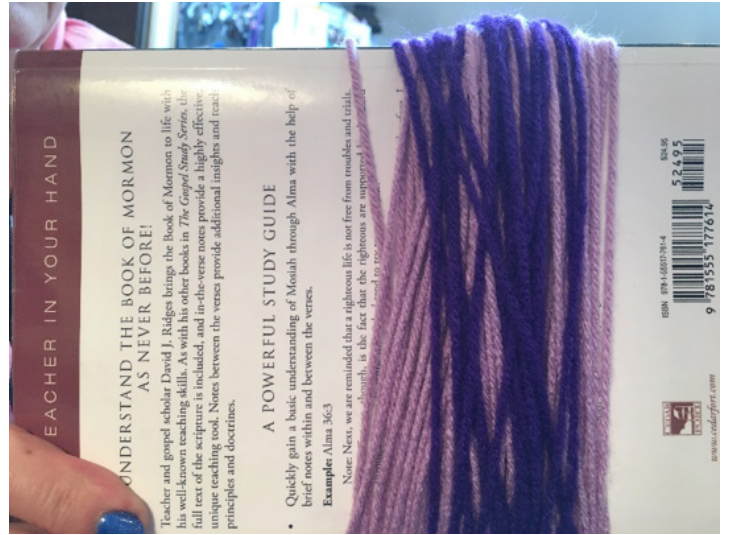
1. Start with a chain (70). The length of the chain will be the length of your snake. Members can make a shorter one first and then make a longer one at home if they wish.
2. Turn on second row in 2nd chain SLST, repeat in the next 7 stitches
- 3 SC in the next 8 stitches
4. DC in the next stitch. (You will have 4 DC in one stitch). Repeat to the end of the row. You may have to help twist the body into shape



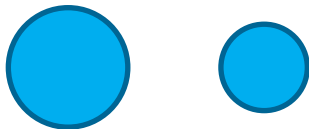
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5. Make a small pompom for the tail. The tail end is the end you started with first.
6. Make a large pompom for the head. The head is the end where you ended with the DC
7. To make a pompom for the head we want it bigger than the tail. We used a book to wrap the yarn around. Wrap a lot of yarn. Cut a separate piece of yarn about 24 inches long. Double this over, so it is now 12 inches. Thread yarn under loops on both side, pull off loops with doubled yarn and tie with a square knot. Cut loops to make it a pompom. Some trimming may be needed to round it up



8. Eyes can be made with buttons or felt. It will depend on the size of the head as to how large you make the eyes. With ours we did two colors of felt. Using a hot glue gun, glue eye to 3 to 4 strands by the base of the pompom. Also you can stitch it on to make sure it stays. Have the kids draw a forked tongue on felt and cut it out. Glue tongue a little under the eyes



9. For the tail a vitamin bottle works great to wrap the yarn around



Other Related Resources

Pattern taken off of Present given by DJ Patterson
 YouTube Video on making pompoms.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aTTDVryeFbY>



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Activity I Reflect and Apply Questions

1. What do I need to do to be prepared for County Fair?
2. Which projects will you enter in the fair?
3. Think questions and answers that you may be asked in the interview judging process.
4. How will the interview judging process help you in your future?

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