

Small Pet Area Project

I picked this project area because it sounded fun and I had a small pet to show. In my case, it was a hamster.

One of the tips that helps me do the best I can when I show a small pet is research. I always look up the kind of pet I have and memorize any specifics about it. For example, what country/region it is originally from, how long it lives, how big it gets when it is fully grown, what it likes to eat, how often to clean it's cage, how often to change it's water, toys it might like and things like that. The Library and the internet are good places to find information about small pets.

Coming up with creative ideas on how to take care of your pet or what to put in their cage is a big help too. It's fun to come up with different ideas for houses and things for them to play on besides just the things you can buy at a pet store. I sometimes put an old piece of bark in the cage for my hamster to use for a ramp or hide under. Even an empty toilet paper roll makes a fun toy for a hamster. I also clean the cage the day of the show and take extra time to make sure it looks good.

I've learned a lot in 4-H. I have learned how to garden, sew, photograph, and bake. 4-H is great for anyone to do. It has been a terrific experience for me and my family.

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