



# Santa Barbara County 4-H Youth Development

# Presentation Basics



## What is a 4-H Presentation?

A presentation is a method used to communicate an idea by showing and/or telling. There are many different 4-H presentation formats in SLO county, including *Audio-Visual Presentations*, *Educational Display*, *Prepared Speech*, *Interpretive Reading*, *4-H Science Presentations*, and *Share the Fun* skits. However, the most popular presentation formats among new members are **Demonstrations** and **Illustrated Talks**. A *Demonstration* teaches a skill by the “show how” method. For example, actually clipping your rabbit’s toenails. An *Illustrated Talk* teaches a skill that would be impractical to demonstrate in a classroom setting, such as launching a rocket or riding a horse.

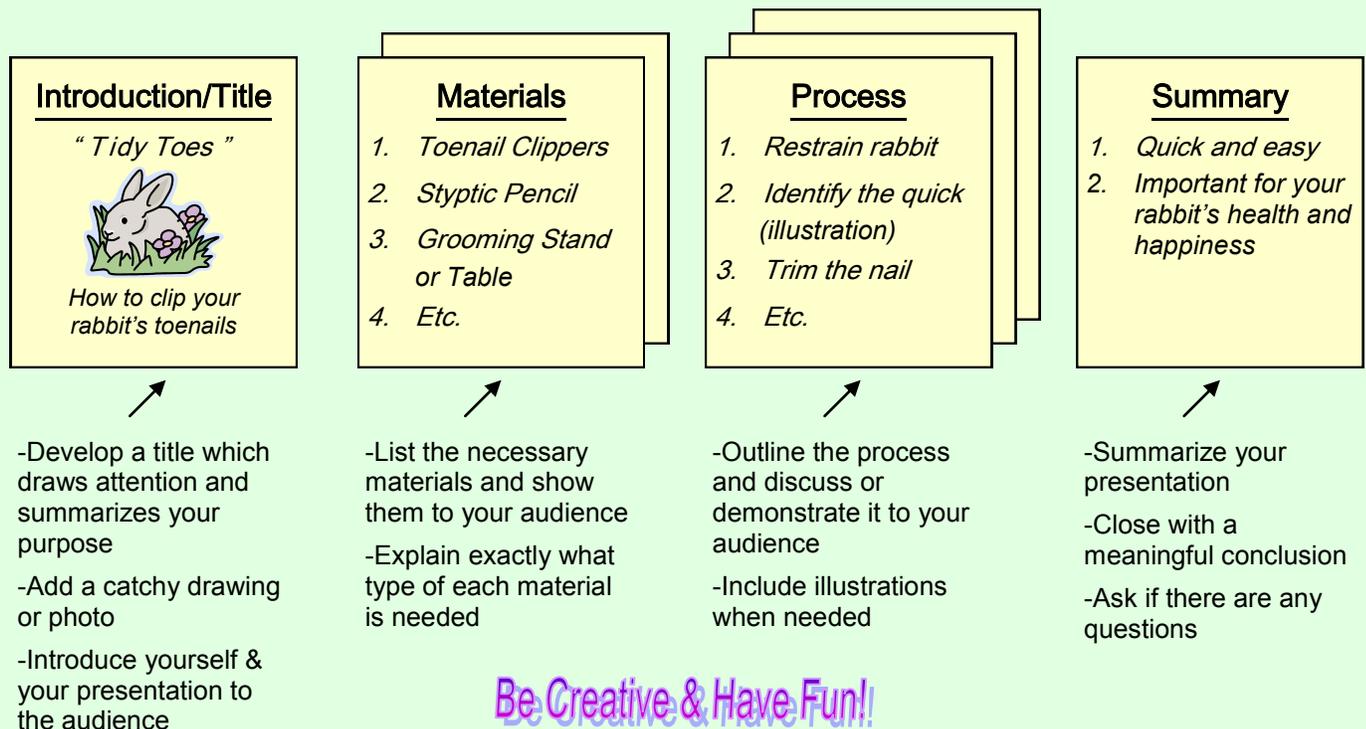
## Getting Started

1. Select a subject that you are interested in and would like to teach to other people. Subjects must be related to one of your 4-H projects.
2. Narrow down your subject.  
*Example:* “Rabbits” → “Rabbit Care” → “How to Clip Your Rabbit’s Toenails”
3. Research your subject. Ask your project leader and older members for advice.
4. Begin organizing your presentation, starting with deciding on a conclusion first.  
*Example:* “Clipping your rabbit’s toenails is quick and easy once you learn the proper technique. It’s also important for your rabbit’s health and happiness.”



## Using Poster Boards to Support Your Demonstration or Illustrated Talk

Your Demonstration or Illustrated Talk should include *at least* the following components:



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