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**Cooperative Extension**

## **4-H MINI LANDSCAPE PROJECT**



We are adding a new class you can enter this year at the summer fairs. Design your own Mini-Landscape! Have you ever looked at a beautiful yard or place and thought about the planning that went into making it so stunning. There are many careers in horticulture, construction and engineering that work together to make the spaces around both functional and beautiful. Now it's your turn to think about structure, function and beauty to create a mini landscape!

What are we building....

Live foliage, natural materials and other materials are used to REPRESENT a landscape design. Here is a chance to design your own landscape. Will you build a pool oasis, a cabin in the woods, a house with a barn, or an equestrian center.

A.) Container: Wooden box 24" x 24" x 5 1/2" deep open container. Hint- At the store, it will say 6". This is nominal size (the size of the wood before it is planed smooth). All plants and accessories must be within the 24" by 24" perimeter and must not exceed 22" max. overall height from the table.

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B.) Must depict a landscape with at least 25% of the area covered with live plants, Do not use moss. Houseplants or other materials will be used to represent landscape plants.

C.) You must make a diagram of your landscape with symbols and drawings to represent plants and your items. Identify at least 5 plants in the design by name (can use common names). Using graph paper or computer programs makes it easier. There is no set scale, because 1 person might want to design 3 acres in their design, while another is designing a ¼ acre house and yard. But keep in mind the basics of sizing on the drawing and model landscape. So for instance: If the 2 story house (20 feet) is 6” tall in your model, a horse (6 feet at the head) should only be around 2” high. So don't try to put a Godzilla size item in a small landscape,

D.) Accessories are permitted, miniature house, etc. House can be, but, does not have to be included – only indicated in some manner. All lights or electrical components must be battery powered. Try to make the scale of everything match in your landscape as much as possible.

E) Can include legos, knex blocks, patios, raised bed, water feature..

An example of the aerial (from above) diagram. Now it would need to be labels. Remember to write big structures like: house, pool, barn, coral...and at least 5 plants.

We will hold a workshop for you to start your designs. Join us:



**Mini Landscape Workshop**  
**April 26th**  
**5:30-8pm**  
**East Farm building 50**  
**URI Kingston**

We will learn about landscaping with professional landscape designers and to start building our mini landscapes. Youth that attend the workshop will be given their box to work in and some materials to get them started. The workshop will be limited to 25 youth and pre-registration will be required by April 12th. Register at [uri.edu/4h](http://uri.edu/4h).

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Check out the examples to get some inspiration.



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