

Food Show Display Advice
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1. Have a central theme, e.g., Valentines, Autumn, Japanese, Formal.
2. Pier 1 and Ross for Less have affordable dishes, placemats, cups, and silverware.
3. Placemat mat size: 11" by 17". If necessary fold larger cloth down to size.
4. **PACK BACKWARDS.** What you need first (placemat) pack last, on top of everything else. Things needed last (small decorations) pack first, on bottom of box.
5. Use a checklist and photos to double check display.
6. Liquids: Pack in thermos or recycleable water bottle, capped.
7. Liquids: Pour away from display.
8. Pack paper towels or wipes, just in case.
9. Judges samples are a few bites for the judges to taste.
10. Keep samples at appropriate temperature. Coolers and hot packs work well.
11. Provide utensils for judges.
12. Label samples clearly.
13. Cover samples.
14. Always double check everything.
15. Go **EARLY**, at least 1 hour before set up time ends.
16. However, put food on display later (to preserve appearance).
17. **DO NOT EAT** off of other 4-H'ers displays.
18. **DO NOT EAT** your **DISPLAY** after food show. It has been sitting in danger zone for more than 4 hours.
19. Have fun!