

Finalist Poster Instruction Sheet

Finalist Poster: You are required to create a poster that explains your piece. (If you have multiple finalist projects, create one for each project.) The poster will be put on display along with your project. We have a great display area design planned so please follow instructions carefully on your board layout. **The poster must accompany your actual project – it cannot be shipped separately!** After the Fair, the poster will be repacked in your crate and returned to you with your project.

Here is a sample of a poster incorporating the key components. →
Please feel free to use creativity with format, font, and design while keeping in mind the requirements highlighted below.

Specifications:

1. Medium

- Use an 18" x 24" poster paper format (TIP: There are many online and local companies that can print a poster this size) **DO NOT use any thick material like Foamcore or mat board.** Orient your poster "portrait style"/vertically, as shown in example ->
- NEATLY affix or print project information on the board
- Use 18 pt. or larger type, any font style, for legibility of display

2. Required Components on Poster

a. Written Information:

- Your **finalist number, your entry category, and your school level** (school level = "high school" or "post secondary") in the upper left hand corner
- Project name at top in larger font than other text
- Please include any or all of the following (if appropriate, you can use the project description written for the entry or a variation of it) highlighting special or unseen features such as assembly or joinery:
 - Materials used
 - Special techniques used in creating the piece
 - Inspiration
 - Function
 - Interesting aspects of the design, challenges overcome
 - Other information that is essential to understand the unique quality of the furniture piece
 - If your project is in the "Design for Production" category, you must address the marketing and manufacturability aspects required of this category.
- **Do NOT print your name, your school name, or your city and state anywhere on the front of the poster!** This will compromise the blind judging process! Your identifying information will be posted with your project and display board after the judging is completed.

b. Visuals:

- (required) Some portion of a working drawing or detail
- (required) A (min) 3" x 5" or 4" x 6" photograph of your final piece in the upper right-hand corner.
- More than one image may be included – use this board to "sell" your project; visuals are welcome! Graphic designs are also welcome, but avoid backgrounds that are too busy and take away from your content.
- Do **NOT** affix 3-D objects such as buttons, rocks, etc. to the poster.

