

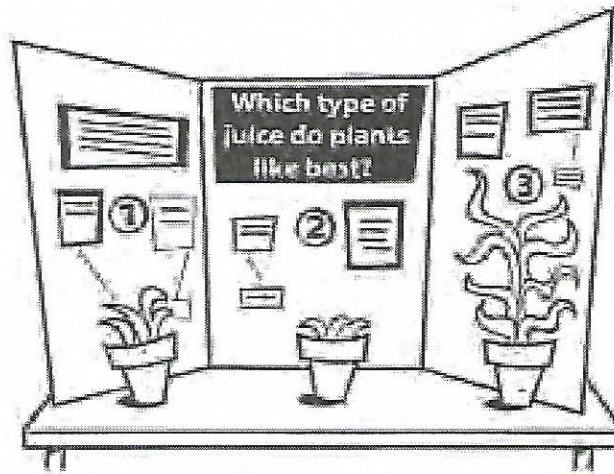
10 Tips to Creating a Winning Display

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Your project display is the first thing that people will see when they stop by your booth at the science fair—so you'll want it to look fabulous!

What is a display? A science-fair display is made up of a sturdy backboard that shows off the key points of your project. Your display should include the following: project title, your question, hypothesis, experiment (including materials and procedure), data (including tables, graphs, charts, and photos if you have some), results, conclusions, and future experiment plans. Your display should also include your science-project report and any other items that will help people understand your project, like models or equipment that you used during your experiment.

It is important that your display be neat, colorful, and organized. Below are some tips to designing an award-winning display.



1. Your backboard should be an upright board that sits on top of a table and is able to support itself. It is usually three-sided, but it does not have to be.
2. The backboard should be no larger than 108 inches (274 cm) high, including the exhibit table, 30 inches (76 cm) deep, and 48 inches (122 cm) wide.
3. You can either buy a pre-made backboard or build your own from heavy cardboard or pieces of wood, attached by hinges. Steer clear of thin poster board or cardboard because they bend too easily. A company called Showboard sells pre-made backboards (www.showboard.com or 1-800-323-9189).
4. Use computer graphics or self-stick letters to create headings for each part of your display. Make sure your lettering is easy to read.