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# Personal Treasure Keepsake Exhibit

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- PURPOSE:** To become aware of what keepsakes you have collected and where they came from
- YOU'LL NEED:** Pen or pencil  
3- by 5-index cards or lined paper
- TIME:** Varies
- HOW TO DO IT:**
1. Locate keepsakes and old objects that belong to you and your family.
  2. For each object, fill out a card or paper with the information shown on the sample.
  3. Securely tie or baste-stitch the tags to each object.
- WHAT ELSE?**
1. Put your treasures on display at school or a fair. Refer to 4-H 1065, *Communications Made Easy Notebook*, for information on displays. (IMPORTANT: Make sure you have permission to borrow any items for display!)
  2. Organize a Family Heirloom Day. Organize this event like the Personal Treasure Keepsake Exhibit, but ask people to bring an heirloom for a one-day display. Remind them that an heirloom doesn't have to be old, rare, or worth money. An heirloom is *any* family possession passed down from generation to generation.

## OBJECT'S NAME

What is it made of? \_\_\_\_\_

Who made it/bought it? \_\_\_\_\_

When was it made? \_\_\_\_\_

What was it used for? \_\_\_\_\_

Who has owned it? \_\_\_\_\_

What is it used for now? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any special stories about this? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Demonstrate a Tradition

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**PURPOSE:** To identify traditions you have participated in outside of your immediate family or traditions you would like to experience; to plan some family activities.

**YOU'LL NEED:** A variety of materials depending on the tradition you choose to try

**TIME:** Varies

**HOW TO DO IT:** Have you yearned to make a gingerbread house or a friendship quilt? Have you always wanted to hang a basket of flowers on someone's door on May Day? Would you like to go to a seder, or make tortillas, or celebrate Kwanza? There are too many possibilities to list! Or maybe there's an idea for an invented nonsense tradition lurking in your imagination. **THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!** Follow these steps for learning, planning, and fun. You never can tell . . . you might start a new family tradition!

Choose one of the traditions you identified in the Family Custom Profile from the "Family Customs Potluck Dinner" activity and make a plan to try it or part of it. What materials and supplies will you need? When can you do it? Who can help you? Who will do what task?