Display Board

The purpose of a display board is to display your project to the judges and others who have come to enjoy what you have done. The content and information on the board is the most important thing in today's STEM Fair entries. Many boards basically look good, but they have not been organized in a way that the judge can understand. Some projects are not done with consistency or organization. Some boards do not have the scientific method. Your board needs to look professional, something that a business person might use, not a little kid. It should attract the attention of viewers and make them want to come over and read about your project.

It is good to use color in your display but you shouldn't make it too colorful because it will make your display lose its professionalism. Stick to one or two colors that contrast, such as black and white or yellow and blue. Don't use colors that clash. Use colors sparingly, you don't want the judges focusing on the colors instead of the content.

The title is very important in a display board. It should be eye catching and easy to read. Be sure that the letters are large enough to read across a room. Use dark colors for the title.

Most display boards are of a 3 panel configuration and the traditional way to set up this type of board is:

Left Panel	Center Panel	Right Panel
Question or Purpose Hypothesis Procedure	Title (Top Center Illustrations / Photos Graphs and Charts	Results (written or in a graph or chart) Conclusion

Before you begin to glue things down, make sure you plan out your board including making sketches. This can save you time and money later.