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# Photographing Family Traditions

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**PURPOSE:** To become aware of how photography can be used to document family folklife

**YOU'LL NEED:** A camera  
Film  
Notepaper  
Pencil

**TIME:** Varies

**HOW TO DO IT:**

1. Select one of the following:
  - a) A special family occasion
  - b) One family member's special skills, work, or craft (such as gardening, making pasties, whittling, needlework, etc.).
2. Photograph as much of the event or activity as possible. Photograph each important step or event, special tools or materials used, where the event or activity takes place, and, of course, the people who are involved. Don't forget to use close-up shots when it is important to show what is happening.
3. Take notes on who is involved and what is happening.

**WHAT ELSE?**

1. Arrange the photographs in order and mount them in a book or on a board. Write a description next to each. Display them at your fair or school.
2. Participate in a 4-H or school photo contest.