



At this point, you should have an idea you are excited about and a plan for your project. It is time to get started!

**BUY YOUR MATERIALS** – Gather all the materials you need for your project. You may be able to find some of the things you need in your home, but others may need to be purchased. If you need help with funds to buy the materials you need for your project, please reach out to us at [LakotaScienceFair@gmail.com](mailto:LakotaScienceFair@gmail.com) BEFORE you buy your materials. We may be able to help. We can also supply you with a trifold to make your display.

**WHERE TO DO YOUR PROJECT** – Most people do their projects at home, but it is fine if you have access to a machine shop or laboratory you want to use. Make sure you have a good location that can be kept clean and undisturbed – you don't want your dog to eat your work! Make sure you have supervision by a parent or project coach as needed.

**FOLLOW YOUR TIMELINE** – Start your project and work on it every day or week as planned in your timeline. Don't procrastinate – if you put things off, you may not have time to do a quality job on your project.

**GET STARTED** – Clean your work area and gather your materials and tools needed. Do you need to put a drop cloth down to protect your working surface? Make sure your project notebook is handy to record data in your project notebook as you go. Time to get started! Good luck!

**IF YOU GET STUCK** – Are you having trouble? You can ask your parent or coach for help, or you can email us at

[LakotaScienceFair@gmail.com](mailto:LakotaScienceFair@gmail.com). Remember that for Engineering projects, it is fine to redesign your prototype as needed until you find one that meets your design criteria. For science projects, you may find that your experiment proves your hypothesis was wrong, but that is just as good as proving it was correct.

