



Girl Scouts has always been a sisterhood where we value traditions and history. Pick two activities from this section that will help you learn about how jewelry is part of our lives.

- ◆ Learn about how jewelry is part of cultural traditions (wedding bands, charm bracelets, Claddagh rings, etc.). How is jewelry a part of your cultural traditions? Share with your group the history of any family jewelry/jewelry traditions that have been passed down through your family. **ALL**
- ◆ Learn about the special pins in Girl Scouts. Find out the meaning behind your level's membership in and the symbols on your WAGGGS pin. **D/B/J**
- ◆ Learn about other special pins you can receive when you visit special Girl Scout/WAGGGS locations. Did you know each World Center has their own special pin? That there are places in the US you can visit that have a special pin that you only receive when you visit? Learn about the meaning behind the pins you can receive at one of these special locations. Talk with your troop about how you could visit that location. (Remember any trips longer than 2 nights require extended trip paperwork) **J/C/S/A**
- ◆ Visit a jewelry store and learn about jewelry. Learn about the different types of gemstones used in jewelry, learn about the cut and clarity of a diamond, and the different types of metals used in jewelry making. Find out what a jeweler does (design custom items, repairs, appraisals, etc.) **ALL**
- ◆ Learn about how diamonds and gems are acquired and how you can make sure that the items you purchase are conflict free. **C/S/A**
- ◆ Make a swap. SWAPS are a Girl Scout tradition where a Some Whatchimacallit Affectionately Pinned Somewhere is worn during a Girl Scout event. Work with your community to exchange SWAPS at a community event (Camporee, Thinking Day, etc.). **ALL**
- ◆ Every month has a different birthstone. Learn about your birthstone. What type of stone is it, where can that stone be found in nature, what is the meaning of your birthstone, do you have ore than one type of birthstone? Find others in your group who share you same birthstone. Look at different types of jewelry in which your birthstone is used. **ALL**

Girl Scouts have always used our resources wisely. Choose at least two of these activities to learn about using recycled and natural materials to create works of art.

- ◆ Make paper beads out of 'recycled junk' mail or old magazines.  
Paper Beads [Making Paper Beads | ThriftyFun](#)
  - \*Supplies: old glossy magazines, scissors, ruler, pencil, toothpick, or wooden skewer, mod podge
  - \*Making the beads: cut strips from magazine pages in a triangular shape. Note – if you want a longer sized bead, make the base wider; and if you want shorter beads, make the base narrower.
  - \*Measure the base for your desired size of beads and mark it with a pencil.
  - \*Draw a line from the mark you made up to the tip of the magazine. Then cut.

\*Roll the cut magazine onto the toothpick or wooden skewer from the base to the tip. Secure with Mod Podge.

\*Coat your finished bead with Mod Podge to secure it.

\*Use your paper beads to make bracelets, necklaces, or earrings. **ALL**

🍀 Make recycled bracelets out of water or soda bottles.

Plastic bracelets out of water bottles DIY crafts: BRACELETS recycling plastic bottles-  
InnovaCrafts - YouTube

\*Supplies: 1 liter water or soda bottles (with labels removed), scissors, masking tape, iron, nail polish or acrylic paint.

\*Making bracelets: Wrap masking tape around the bottle to mark the width you would like your bracelet to be (2 to 3 tape widths works well).

\*Cut the water bottle around the outside bands of masking tape. Remove the masking tape.

\*Turn iron on to medium and turn off the steam function.

\*Gently rub the cut sides of the plastic band on the iron to melt the rough edges of the band until they are smooth.

\*Paint the inside of the band with acrylic paint or nail polish (if using nail polish, make sure area is well ventilated. **J/C/S/A**)

🍀 Use old metal washers and scraps of scrapbook paper to make washer pendants.

Washer pendants [The Inky Scrapper: Washer Pendant Tutorial](#)

\*Begin with a clean washer – any size if find.

\*Cut scrapbook paper to fit the washer. This is a great way to use up small pieces that are usually thrown away.

\*Spread Mod Podge all over the front of the washer. Cover completely and make sure to go all the way to the edges.

\*Use an old credit card (the ones that come in junk mail are great) to smooth the paper to the washer. Let dry.

\*Smooth the edges with a file or fine sandpaper. Smooth from the front to back so paper won't be pulled off your washer.

\*Decorate with glitter glue gel, sparkles, transfers, etc.

\*Apply a layer of clear acrylic or clear nail polish to seal in decorations and protect the design.

\*Make sure to avoid getting bubbles and runs by working slowly. Make sure to cover all your washer to protect your design.

\*Once your washer pendant is dry, you can add a string to make a necklace or make multiple smaller washers and string them like a charm bracelet. **ALL**

- ◆ Use acorn caps and small flowers to create nature necklaces.
  - \*Supplies: acorn caps (use the biggest acorn caps you can find), tacky glue, dried and/or pressed plants and flowers, hemp cording, hand drill and eye screws (optional).
  - \*Fill the acorn cap with glue and place your pressed flower in the glue before it dries.
  - \*Set the acorn cap upright to dry (this may take a few days).
  - \*After the glue dries attach the pendant to the cording. You can drill holes using a hand drill and screwed in eye screws found at any hardware store.
  - \*Another way to attach the cording is to leave the stem on and tie the cording around it. Dab a little glue onto the knot to enforce the hold. **ALL**
- ◆ Make a jewelry organizer.
  - \*Look online for ideas or create your own using items from nature (sticks in a vase to hang necklaces).
  - \*Or use recycled materials (decorate an old pencil box; place eye hooks in a wooden picture frame.
  - \*Use chicken wire to hang items from; etc.). **ALL**
- ◆ Make your own jewelry using recycled materials or nature items.
  - \*Use other recycled materials (fabric, old metals, plastics, etc.) or a nature item (rocks, sticks, dried flowers, etc.) to make your own jewelry. **ALL**

Girl Scouts are always friendly and helpful. Juliette used her pearls to make a difference in the lives of others.

Use what you have created to Take Action to make the world a better place. Choose at least one activity below to complete your patch program:

- ◆ Visit a local nursing home, hospital, hospice, or other facility that provides care for others. Learn about how the staff provide care. What type of training do they need for their job and what inspires them to care for others? Donate some of your jewelry items to the care givers to show appreciation for all they do for others or to the residents to share the spirit of giving. **ALL**
- ◆ Talk with your troop about ways you can use money you earn in Girl Scouts to Take Action in your community. Create jewelry that you can sell at a craft fair or other location to raise funds for your project (remember that you must have a goal in mind before holding any additional money earners and that there is additional money earning paperwork required). **B/J/C/S/A**
- ◆ Hold an event for young girls or girls who are not yet Girl Scouts where you teach them the skills you have learned earning this patch, including crafting, jewelry significance and the history of Juliette's Pearls. Provide them with support to make their own jewelry. **J/C/S/A**
- ◆ Make a friendship bracelet and give to a friend to invite her to join Girl Scouts. Have a special troop meeting where parents and girls are invited to attend and learn about all the things you do in Girl Scouts. **ALL**
- ◆ Find another way you use your jewelry creations to give make and make a difference in your community. Share what you close to do in your evaluation. **ALL**