



Every badge has a story, from the Big weekend badge to my silver Damboree badge to the first Beaver sleepover I planned. My scouting name is Tiger and the Tiger cub graduate badge was a gift from someone who when to the USA.

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Buy and find badges from wherever you go. Keep adding to your blanket.





Basic stitches for kids



Running stitch: click the link below for a video explaining running stitch from Red Ted Art.

https://youtu.be/il-BDIFB56s?list=PL2vt_TPKQbZpAuVKmMVKmKID239UwrydL



Overcast stitch: click the link below for a video explaining running stitch from Red Ted Art.

https://youtu.be/gmD9vpo5Fso?list=PL2vt_TPKQbZpAuVKmMVKmKID239UwrydL

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Camp blanket for a soft toy

You will need

- Fabric scissors
- Coloured fabric markers
- Sheets of thin white fabric that have been cut to toy sized rectangular shapes.
- Handbooks (or images of badges)
- Example of a camp blanket
- Beavers to bring their own soft toy
- Optional –old badges, embroidery thread and thick tapestry needles, Masking tape.

Get inspired

One of the people leading the activity should show everyone their camp blanket.

Lots have holes in the middle to turn them into poncho-style blankets, that people can wear over their heads. This is what we will be crafting but for our soft toys. The person with the camp blanket should show people some of their favourite badges and explain what they mean - choose perhaps the most interesting looking. The person with the camp blanket should explain where they've used the blanket, for example, at camp, around a campfire, or keeping warm on a chilly evening.

They should also explain that camp blankets are important because they give people a sense of a shared history, story-telling and a record of adventures.

Start crafting

The person leading the activity should give everyone a rectangle of thin, white fabric.

Cut up sheets are excellent. Everyone should fold their sheet into quarters, and an adult should use the fabric scissors to cut a small wedge out of the pointed corner, to make a hole in the middle of the unfolded sheet.

Everyone should try on their camp blanket on their toy, to make sure it fits.

Everyone should note where the front and back of their camp blanket are – maybe they could work with a friend to make a little mark on the back so they remember. Everyone should use the fabric pens to draw a selection of badges on their camp blanket, to represent their Scouts journey.

People can include real Activity (and Staged Activity) Badges and Challenge Awards, as well as badges from campsites or places they've explored.

People can also let their imaginations run wild and think about future adventures and imaginary badges that don't exist yet.

Everyone can look at each other's uniforms and handbooks for inspiration. They could also add in words to show the places they've visited or would like to visit. Everyone should enjoy showing off their colourful camp blanket. People could chat to others about their exciting badge designs.

As an optional extra, if you have a stock of old badges that are left over from camps or sleepovers or obsolete activity badges use them in this activity to show some beavers how to sew a badge on. Simple running stitch and embroidery thread so it's not too fiddly plus instead of pinning the badges on they could use 2 pieces of masking tape to tape the badge on to the blanket.