



# Making for Families

Making invites Girl Scouts to see themselves as artists, inventors, and creators. It helps them creatively solve problems and develop skills such as innovative thinking, collaboration and teamwork, intellectual curiosity, and perseverance. In the long-term, making can become a lifetime passion or lead to a career as a craftsperson.

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## Help your Girl Scout(s) lead at home

Today your Girl Scout(s) had fun making and used their creativity to earn a badge. They may have tried something for the first time like woodworking or building electronics. They may have made a digital design, pottery, or a painting. The options are endless for what Girl Scouts can create, and you can continue to help build their confidence as the makers of today and tomorrow! For example:

**Girl-led:** Encourage your Girl Scout(s) to follow their own lead. Invite them to share their creations from the badge and brainstorm other projects. Do they enjoy visual art? Have a family art night at home or go together to a museum. Do they want to learn more about robots? Find a local makerspace or help them create a robotics team. By supporting them to try new things and pursue their interests, Girl Scouts can follow their dreams and grow their skills—and the confidence that comes with it.

**Learning by doing:** Making is all about hands-on learning. Support your Girl Scout(s) to bring their ideas to life! Encourage their creativity at home with any project. Do they want to decorate their room? Help them sketch their ideas and design their own wall art. Do they have a suggestion for dinner? Let them tinker with a recipe. Learning by doing helps Girl Scouts feel empowered to shape their own experience. You can help unlock their “I’ve got this” attitude and discover they can always try again when things don’t go according to plan.

**Cooperative learning:** With making, Girl Scouts can see firsthand that teamwork, respect, and collaboration can inspire new ideas and fuel them through any challenge. At home, turn making into fun for everyone. If your Girl Scout(s) has questions or wants to try a material, tool, or craft you aren’t familiar with, learn together and experiment with making. You can also empower and support Girl Scouts to build friendships to learn with, grow with, and to have to cheer them on.



## Making for Families with Girl Scouts!

### Keep the fun going!

Choose from these Maker badges to inspire Girl Scouts! Badges and patches can be found on [girlscoutshop.com](https://girlscoutshop.com).

#### Art and Design

Art and design can share messages and solve problems. Explore everything from drawing and painting to architecture and 3-D printing!



#### Craft and Tinker

Makers craft objects people can use. Make pottery or jewelry, try woodworking or sewing, or tinker with circuits. All it takes are tools, materials, and your imagination!



#### Create and Innovate

Makers can help people, animals, and the planet. Create a design, craft, or building project—from a bookshelf to a garden. It might even inspire your next business!



Detailed choice activities, meeting tools, and additional resources and materials can be found within the Volunteer Toolkit on [my.girlscouts.org](https://my.girlscouts.org).

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