

# Alligator SWAP

## Materials:

- 1 miniature clothespin
- 1 7 mm movable eye
- acrylic or poster paint: green, red, white
- 2 paint brushes, 1 flat and 1 very fine script point
- pin back
- hot glue

## Directions:

Glue pin back on one side of the clothespin , doesn't matter which side (makes for easier handling while painting. Paint inside between the prongs red. You can use the flat brush for this. This is the inside of the "mouth" Paint the rest of it green using the flat brush. Let dry. Take the small script brush and dip into the white paint. Make very short white marks all along the top and bottom of the mouth for the "teeth" Let dry. Glue on the eye.

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## Ants on a Log SWAP

### Materials:

- 1½ inch pieces of twigs about 3/8 inch in diameter
- plastic ants
- hot glue
- safety pins

### Directions:

I saw a really cute one today. The leader cut 1 ½ inch pieces of twigs, that were about 3/8 inch in diameter. The girls glued on small plastic ants, from a party store (KG Marx) that come about 200 to a bag. Voila--ants on a log! (like the celery/peanut butter/raisins snack). Then they hot glued a pin thing on the back.

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## Beaded Round Spiral Stitch Bracelet

### Materials:

- gimp, 2 pieces each 36 inches long
- barrel beads, 5

### Directions:

Fold gimp in half and tie simple overhand knot  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from loop. Work spiral pattern round braid for 1 inch, slip 1 bead onto 2 center strands and up to finished braid. Repeat 1 inch of braid, then bead 4 times more. Work braid until bracelet is desired length. Tie simple overhand knot and cut ends to  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch. Use finishing knot as "button" to close bracelet through beginning loop.

# Beads and Knots Bracelet

## Materials:

- gimp, 1 piece 36' long
- barrel beads, 16
- snap hook

## Directions:

Fold gimp in half and tie simple overhand knot  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from loop. Slip bead onto strands. Work square knot below bead. Repeat alternating bead and square knot until 16 beads have been placed. Slip snap hook onto one strand of gimp, work square knot to hold hook in place. Slip ends of gimp back through center of last bead. Clip ends close to bead.

## Bear Pin SWAP

### Materials (per bear):

- 1 large (about 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter) pompom in black or brown
- 2 smaller (about  $\frac{1}{2}$ ") pompoms to match the large one
- 1 even smaller (about  $\frac{1}{4}$ ") beige or tan pompom for snout
- 2 googly eyes (I think we used 4 mm size)
- 1 pin back
- 1 oval of black (or brown) felt to hold pin back to pompom
- tiny scrap of black felt for nose, cut into sort of a rounded triangle shape
- glue (we used Tacky glue)

### Directions:

Just glue them together, two ears positioned atop head, then eyes (tweezers really help in applying eyes) then snout, then nose on the tip of snout. (Tip: use a good amount of glue (not so much as to be drippy, but more than you would need for paper of the same size) and really squeeze those pompoms to each other when gluing for a bear that will hold together well.) We recommend that a leader pre-assemble the pin back to the felt oval using a glue gun - then the girls can just glue the felt piece to the back of the bear head after the face is done. No two bears come out exactly alike - it's fun to see all their personalities! We left our bears unadorned, but you could use yarn, ribbon or felt to make hair bows and bow ties to dress them up.

# Big Dippers SWAP

## Materials:

- film canisters
- glue
- stars

## Instructions:

Cut down from top to make a handle and cut canister about 1/3 of the way down and cut around to make a dipper. Glue stars on the pot and up the handle like a big or little dipper.

## Birdfeeder SWAP

### Materials:

- 2 milk caps
- tiny craft cup
- bird seed
- hot glue
- chenille bird

### Directions:

Hot glue milk cap to tiny craft cup (some churches use them for communion; they're available at craft stores) fill partway with birdseed, also some seed around base (looks like a spill). Glue another milk cap on top. Add a bird made of chenille on edge.

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# Bracelet

## Materials:

- 7" clear tubing (aquarium store)
- seed beads
- duct tape

## Directions:

fill with seed bead, duct tape into a circle

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# Braided Suede Friendship Bracelet

What do you admire most about your friend? Is she generous? ... loyal ....kind?

Make this special gift to let them know how you feel by choosing your bead colors from the list below.

Generous	Orange
Loyal	Blue
Kind	Pink
Responsible	Green
Honest	Red
Cheerful	Yellow

## Materials:

- 8 feet suede lacing
- 3 pony beads

## Directions:

Cut lacing into three 2' pieces and two 6". Use one 6" piece to tie together the three 2' pieces. Make the knot about 4" from the end.

Braid together the three 2' pieces for about 1". Slide a pony bead onto the middle lace and continue braiding for another inch. Add another pony bead and continue for another 1" then adding the last pony bead. Finish by braiding for another inch and use the remaining 6" piece of suede to tie off. Trim ends.

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## Bright Buddies SWAP

### Materials:

- pipe cleaners
- yarn
- pony bead
- glue
- safety pin

### Instructions:

Cut a pipe cleaner in half. Bend one half at the middle. Cut a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch length from the other half to use as arms. Wrap yarn around 2 fingers about 7 times. Stick the bent pipe cleaner between your fingers, around the yarn wraps. Carefully slide the yarn off your fingers and stick the ends of the pipe cleaner through the hole of a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bead with a small hole. (hole about the size of a pony bead hole.) Pull the pipe cleaner so that the yarn is held tight against the bead. Put the "arm" piece of pipe cleaner between the two ends coming through the bead and twist tightly. Continue twisting until you have about an inch of twisted pipe cleaner. Slip a one inch piece of colored drinking straw over the body. Spread the legs in a "Y" shape to keep the straw from sliding off. Bend about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch of the ends to make little feet. Cut the loops of yarn and use a pin or toothpick to separate the strands for hair. Hot glue a pin back to the straw. (Can add googly eyes, if desired.)



## Brownie Smile SWAP

### Materials:

- heavy paper (file folders work well for this)
- paper
- crayons or makers
- safety pins
- hot glue (optional)

### Directions:

Cut circles out of heavy paper. Draw a smile face on each circle, on the back of the circle write " a Brownie Smile from Troop \_\_\_\_". Hot glue safety pin to the back of the circle or push pin through top of circle.

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## Brownies in Beanies SWAP

### Materials:

- acorns
- yarn
- acrylic paints
- glue

### Instructions:

Remove the tops of the acorns and set aside. Braid three strands of yarn and tie both ends. Glue center of yarn braid to top of acorn. Glue the top back on the acorn. Paint faces with the acrylic paint. Attach a pin back.

# Bubble Wands

Glue a pony bead to the lid in such a way that the hole is exposed. Decorate the canister with stickers or whatever else your creative spirit can come up with. Cut a small "wand" from plastic canvas. Thread yarn through one end of the wand and through the pony bead and tie into a necklace. Pour bubble solution in the canister, put the lid on and you've got a bubble wand necklace. Thank you to the original poster of this idea!

Please also see other notes below about this idea.

## A Note About Film Canister Bubble Wands

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I had read this craft in the spring on this list and I did it with a group of brownies at summer camp. They loved it, but the only problem was that we could keep the pony beads glued to the canister. We hot glued gunned them, they stayed a little while, but a little tug and they let go. The we tried tacky glue, let it dry overnight, but same thing. There must be some way to get them to stay better. My daughters did make some at home and we filed the bead so that it had a sort of flat side and this does work better, but I don't think it would hold it given a tug. This is such a great craft! The girls love it! There has to be some way to get around this problem.

## An Idea To Overcome The Problem

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I would use 5 minute epoxy. Leaders could pre glue the beads in ahead or time or older girls could do this. I would hesitate letting Brownies do it unless you were doing it on a one on one basis because of the mixing of the two solutions. Let dry well and it should keep it firmly in place for a long time to come. (I use this on a lot of permanent type objects as white glue and the glue gun just do not have the holding power).

Another Idea To Overcome The Problem

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What about wiring the bead on and then putting some hot glue under the lid to make it waterproof?

Yet Another Idea To Overcome The Problem

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Try scoring the canister. By that, I mean scrape a rough spot where you are going to glue the bead. The glue needs some little edges to hand on to, the canister is too smooth. A bit of rough sand paper should do the trick, or an exacto knife rubbed on the spot - needless to say, an adult had better use the point of the knife!

# Butterfly SWAP

## Materials:

- felt scraps
- sequins
- googly eyes
- pipe cleaners
- safety pins
- pom poms
- glue

## Directions:

For Daisies and young Brownies, precut the butterfly bodies from felt; older girls can use a pattern to cut them out. Have a variety of sequins on hand for decorating their wings. We accented the body of the butterfly with several pompoms. Googly eyes can be glued on, if desired. Antenna can be made using pipe cleaners, if desired. A safety pin can be stuck through the butterfly.

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## Camp Bed Roll SWAP #1

### Materials:

- 2 pieces felt 2" x 4"
- 2 pieces of yarn 5-6"
- 1 safety pin
- Elmer's Glue

### Directions:

Lay the pieces of felt on top of each other. Roll them up tight. Tie with yarn at ends. Attach pin with glue.

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## Camp Bed Roll SWAP #2

### Materials:

- 2" X 6" piece of felt in color of your choice
- yarn
- hot glue
- pin back

### Directions:

Roll the felt from short end until it comes to the other end (looks like a Ho Ho). Then tie yarn around both ends. Glue pin back on and voila...a camp roll. Easy and fast.

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## Camp Bed Roll SWAP #3

### Materials:

- felt - color of your choice
- string or binder's twine or yarn
- clear plastic
- glue
- safety pin

### Instructions:

Cut the felt into a long strip. Roll it like a bed roll. Cover it in clear plastic. Tie with binder's twine or yarn or string. Attach safety pin for fastening.



# Camp Hat Pea Pod SWAP

Materials: (makes 17 pea pods)

- 9' x 12" light green felt (pea pod color)
- 51 1/2" green puffy pompoms (pea colour)
- 102 4mm googley eyes (6/pod, 2/pea)
- 17 small safety pins
- glue - clear drying
- tweezers (optional)

Directions:

## Step 1

Using above pea shell outlines, trace pattern on to light green felt. You may have 35 pea shell halves per sheet of 9" x 12" sheet of felt. Cut out the shells.

## Step 2

Glue both halves together making one pea pod. Place about 1/2" of glue around the bottom rim, leaving room for the pompoms. Let dry. If wet when working halves could separate.

## Step 3

Glue 3 pompoms into the center of the pea pod. Take your glue bottle and draw three lines of glue. Start at one edge of the shell going to the bottom and finishing on the other side of the shell. Place three pompoms in the shell, one on each of the lines. Press down all around the pompoms and hold for a few seconds, long enough to allow the glue to start bonding. Let dry.

## Step 4

Glue 1 pair of eyes per pea on a pompom pea pod (6 eyes per pea pod). Tweezers help at this point, to place eyes in the glue and then on the pompom. Let dry.

## Step 5

Add a safety pin to a corner and Ta Da it's ready for your camp hat.

Another idea for your camp hat crafts. I saw this craft as a girl in guiding years ago. I told a few Guiders about it and we decided to make it. The cool thing is that you can add little hats to make the peas look better.

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# Camp Hat Piggies SWAP

## Materials:

- 1 lid from frozen juice
- 1 pop or beer cap
- 2 x 10 mm google eyes
- 1 pin back
- pink fabric or pink paint
- glue gun
- black and red marker

## Directions:

(For Painted Piggies )

Paint juice lid and pop cap. Let dry. Cut ears from pink felt - don't forget to pinch in ears in the center. Glue ears to the back of the juice lid. Glue googly eyes and pop cap onto front of juice lid. Use black marker to make 2 dots on the pop cap for nostrils. Use red marker to draw on the mouth. Glue pin back onto the back of piggie.

( For Fabric Piggies )

Cut a circle of pink fabric larger than the juice lid so that it can be glued to the back side. Cut a circle of pink fabric larger than the pop cap. Follow instructions above.

Contributed by Cindy Linn - 453rd Toronto Girl Guides.

## Campfire SWAP

### Materials:

- square of brown felt
- red felt
- small twigs
- glue
- safety pin

### Directions:

Build fire with twigs, glue, add red felt "flame" in the middle. Pin through corner of felt.

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## Campfire SWAP

### Materials:

- brown, orange, and yellow fun foam
- navy beans or small pebbles
- twigs or brown pipe cleaners

### Instructions:

Cut a 2-inch circle from brown foam. Glue twigs or 1-1/2 inch pipe cleaners to center for fire wood. Cut orange and yellow foam into little flames. Apply glue to bottom of flames and insert into pile of "wood." Glue beans or pebbles around edge of brown circle for fire ring. Attach a pin back.



## Canteen SWAP

### Materials:

- ribbon
- small pom pom
- 2 film canister lids
- scissors
- glue (hot glue or tacky glue)

### Directions:

Place two lids together (insides touch each other) Glue together. Have a loop of ribbon, Glue to the bottom of the two film canisters lids and about half way up each side. (The bottom should be covered by the ribbon and the top should have a loop of ribbon for the carrying strap). Glue a pom pom onto the top of the lids where no ribbon is glued, That will be your "drinking spout". Grey film canister lids work as do the new ones that kind of sink in (clear).

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# Caterpillar SWAP

## Materials:

- chenille stick (pipe cleaner)
- twig
- eyes
- glue

## Directions:

Coil chenille stick around a twig, add eyes

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# Chenille Candy Cane

## Materials:

- red and white pipe cleaners
- glue
- safety pin

## Instructions:

Twist red and white pipe cleaners together and bend into a candy cane shape. Glue on pin back.

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# Chenille Christmas Tree

## Materials:

- green pipe cleaners
- miniature pom poms
- glue
- star
- safety pin

## Instructions:

Bend green chenille stems (pipe cleaners) into a Christmas tree outline. Glue little pom poms or "gems" on the points and a star on the top. Glue on pin back..

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# Clothespin Alligator

## Materials:

- clothes pin
- green paint
- glue
- red paint
- white paint
- googly eyes
- safety pin

## Instructions:

Paint a clothespin green. Let dry. Paint inside the clip end red for inside of mouth. Let dry. With a very fine brush, paint tiny white lines along the sides of the "mouth." (See picture) Glue on googly eyes and pin back. Use the fine brush and white paint to write troop # and/or event name on sides. (The other side of this one says ZOO SNOOZE)



# Clothes Pin Caterpillar SWAP

## Materials:

- wooden clothes pin
- pom poms
- glue
- wiggly eyes
- pipe cleaner

## Directions:

Take a regular cheap wooden clothes pin, glue pompoms to it across the one of the flat sides. You want to pick your size of pompom so the flat surface of the clothes pin is covered by the pom pom. Add 2 wiggle eyes to the front pompom. (The front is the end you don't squeeze on to open the pin) and between the first and second pompom glue a 2" piece of pipe steam folded in a "V" for the antennae. Write info on the bottom of the pin. The pin itself clips on so you don't need a safety pin.

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# Clothespin Reindeer

## Materials:

- round clothes pin
- wiggle eyes
- glue
- red pom pom
- brown felt
- brown paint
- safety pin

## Instructions:

A simple reindeer swap could be made out of the miniature, old-fashioned clothes pins. (The kind that has a round head and is just split to go over the clothesline) Paint them brown. Turn upside down, so the split is the antlers and the round part is the nose. Glue on wiggle eyes. To make Rudolph, glue a tiny red pom pom on the nose. Cut out ears of the felt and glue them on above the eyes. Glue on pin back.

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# Compass

## Materials:

- film canister lids
- cardboard
- markers
- glue

## Instructions:

Take the left over lids of film canisters and using cardboard or white foam draw a compass and glue to inside of lid. Tiny screw eyes can be inserted on the sides to act as fasteners to hats, etc.



## Concho SWAP

### Materials:

- concho
- leather thong or ribbon
- 3 pony beads
- safety pin

### Directions:

Take a concho in what ever shape you want. Tie a piece of leather lace through the holes. (could use ribbon too) Tie lace in a tight square knot, thread 3 pony beads on the end of each lace and tie an over hand knot to secure. Hot glue a pin back on the back.



# Daisy Friendship Bracelet



## Materials:

- 2' of string or cord
- 4 green pony beads
- 6 white pony beads
- 1 yellow pony bead
- white glue

## Directions:

Coat ends of cord with white glue. Let dry. String 6 white pony beads (shown as yellow) and slide to center of cord.



Loop cord around and feed through bead 1 again. Tighten.



String 1 yellow pony bead (shown as orange) and position it in the center of the flower. Feed cord back through bead 4 as shown. Tighten.



Tie a knot on both sides of daisy. String a green bead on to each side and tie another knot to hold bead in place.

Repeat step four, knotting 2" from first knot. Trim to size. Bracelet ties on to wrist.



# Daisy Magnet SWAP

## Materials:

- white paper cut into circles with edging scissors. (heavy paper works the best)
- yellow pom poms
- wiggle eyes (two for each)
- green paper cut into strips
- magnet strips cut into small squares
- glue

## Directions:

Glue one yellow pom pom to the middle of each circle. Add wiggle eyes to each pom pom. On the Green paper strips write troop number, area from and council along with date of event. Glue green strip to back of circle so the writing shows on the front side. Glue magnet square to back of circle.

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## Do a Good Turn Daily Pin

Description: A pin with 7 beads that can be slid along a ribbon to keep track of good deeds.

Materials/Equipment Needed: (for each pin)

- ribbon (1/4" will work, but 1/8" is easier for the girls to get through the beads)
- 7 pony beads (red, yellow, blue, orange, purple, green, white (or clear, or glow-in-the-dark))
- safety pin

Instructions:

Measure the ribbon to about 20" long. Fold the ribbon in half and tie an overhandknot a little ways down from the top. You need leave only enough room for the safety pin. Slide your first bead on one ribbon strand, then push the other strand up from the bottom of the bead. When you pull the ribbon snug (and with a little judicious adjusting) the bead will be sideways. Continue with the rest of the beads and tie another overhand knot about an inch below the bottom bead. The first few go a little slower because of having to adjust the beads, but then the pace picks up.

To Use:

You pin it on your shirt (a good place to start ), then when you do your good deed for the day you slide a bead to the bottom. By the end of the week, if you've done your good deeds every day, all 7 beads should be at the bottom. The colors are for the 5 worlds of interest, plus green for GS and glow-in-the-dark because it's cool :) Can also use the same concept to make count-down hangers. You will need more beads. The number will depend on how far you want to count down. Count-down hangers can be used to count down to favorite holidays...especially birthdays :)

Submitted by: Sue Moore



# Everyone Is A Piece Of The Puzzle SWAP

## Materials:

- old puzzles
- spray paint
- pin backs
- tacky glue or hot glue which ever you prefer

## Instructions:

Take your old puzzles and place the separated pieces on a flat surface. Spray paint any color you like (we use green, blue and yellow being as we are a Cadette/Senior troop). Let dry, it takes only a few minutes. Then let the girls be creative and pick one of each color and, using your choice of glues, use one as a base and glue the other two on top so that all the colors show and when that is dry add your pin back. You can change colors to match your age level or activity. But let everyone know when you swap that "Everyone is a Piece of the Girl Scout Puzzle". Our troop likes to add that there are no missing pieces in Scouting.

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# Fake Fur Creature SWAP

## Materials:

- fake fur
- scissors
- googly eyes
- glue
- safety pin
- markers
- felt scraps

## Directions:

Real easy. To prepare, cut the fake fur into narrow strips and then cut those strips into small creature sized pieces. The girls can glue googly eyes on and can use scraps of felt (allow them to cut these out themselves or use precut shapes, depending on their dexterity and personal feelings of self efficacy!) to create tongues, eyebrows, hats, whatever. Use a safety pin for attaching.

# Fall Freddie SWAP

## Materials:

- 1 large acorn with a cap
- 1 sweet gum ball
- 2 small "I" shaped twigs
- small wiggle eyes
- glue
- safety pin

## Directions:

Take a large acorn with a cap, a sweet gum ball, 2 small "L" shaped twigs and some small wiggle eyes. The Sweet Gum Ball is the body, the acorn is glued on top for the head, glue on the eyes. Use the twigs for the arms. Glue on a pin. You could decorate with silk or paper leaves in fall colors.

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# Felt Caterpillar SWAP

## Materials:

- scrap of felt
- needle
- yarn,
- marker
- scissors

## Directions:

Can fold felt in half or cut several at one time. With scissors, cut 4 arches (humps, half circles). Circle around the last one & cut 4 on other side (leaving space in middle from the previous cuts) ending with a circle back to the starting point. Use marker to put eyes & mouth on first circle. Put yarn on needle & go in & out once from the front above the eyes. Cut yarn at about 1" (depending on the size of your caterpillar) and tie a knot at each end of yarn for the antenna. Attach pin through the felt. Other critter shapes can be done similarly.

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# Felt Mouse SWAP

## Materials:

- gray felt
- wiggle eyes
- whiskers
- pink pipe cleaner
- safety pin

## Directions:

Cut a gray heart out of felt. Fold in half and glue. The pointy end is the mouse's nose. Add wiggle eyes and whiskers. At the back add a pink bit of pipe cleaner for a tail and a pin.

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# Felt Stockings

## Materials:

- red and green felt
- cotton
- glue
- safety pin

## Instructions:

Cut tiny little stockings out of red or green felt. Glue bits of cotton on the top for trim. Glue on pin back.

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# Felt Stuffed Leaves SWAP

## Materials:

- fall colored felt squares
- thread
- cotton balls or quilt batting
- safety pin

## Directions:

Cut out 2 leaf shapes in fall colors. Using a blanket stitch sew the edges together leaving an open space in the side. Lightly stuff with cotton balls or quilt batting. Slip stitch the opening shut. Optional: Using a running stitch add veins etc.

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# Film Canister Rockets

## Materials:

- film canister
- alka seltzer
- water
- toilet paper tube

## Instructions:

DO NOT use Vinegar and Baking Soda. They react far too quickly. Use 1/4 to 1/3 of an Alka Seltzer and water. Cold water reacts much slower than hot water. Staple a toilet paper tube to a small paper plate to act as the launch pad. Be sure to place the canister upside down into the tube and don't look down into the tube while waiting for it to pop. This is a good Outdoor event because it can get rather messy. By the way, the FUJI film canisters (white or clear) work better than the KODAK gray canisters.

# First Aid Kit

## Materials:

- film canisters
- Band-Aids
- 35 cents (for emergency phone call)
- alcohol pad
- needle woven through a small piece of index card

## Instructions:

Put all items inside canister. Punch hole in canister to string a ribbon through for a necklace or hot glue a pin back to the side of the canister.

# Flower Baby SWAP

## Materials:

- discarded silk flower petals
- large pom poms
- glue
- googly eyes
- felt scraps
- tiny pom poms

## Directions:

Using discarded silk flower petals (single circles of petals like from a mum which has fallen apart- many craft shops will donate these), glue a large pom pom into it's center. Create a face on this pom pom using (you guessed it!) googly eyes, scraps of felt for a mouth, tiny pom poms for the rosy cheek circles.

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# Flyswatter SWAP

## Materials:

- 2" square of plastic needlepoint canvas
- yarn
- popsicle stick
- glue
- plastic fly

## Directions:

Whipstitch edges with yarn. Glue Popsicle stick on bottom for a handle. Add bow where canvas meets handle. Glue plastic fly (from craft store) on canvas

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# Fly Swatter SWAP

## Materials:

- wooden craft stick
- plastic canvas
- yarn or string
- glue
- plastic fly or other flying insect (optional)
- safety pin

## Instructions:

Cut a piece of plastic canvas into the shape of the business end of a fly swatter. Apply a little bit of glue to one end of your wooden craft stick. Attach the plastic canvas to the stick, and with a piece of yarn, lash the canvas to the end of the stick. You can glue a safety pin on the back side for fastening, and you can also glue a plastic fly or other flying insect onto the plastic canvas.



## Foam Mouse SWAP

### Materials:

- foam
- felt
- yarn
- 2 wiggly eyes
- glue
- needle
- scissors

### Directions:

Cut foam into 2" oval shape with one end slightly pointed for nose & other end slightly squared for tail. Cut 2 1/2" openings on foam side by side going from front to back in center of mouse. Cut felt into 1 1/2" x 5/8" oval. Felt should be a tad wider than the openings. Push felt into one hole & out the other hole making ears. Glue 2 small wiggly eyes between ears & pointed end of foam. Using needle, put 3" piece of yarn through center of square end of foam for the tail. Knot the end underneath & pull tight.

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# Friendship Bracelets

## Materials:

- about 14 inches suede strips per bracelet (Available at Frank's, Michael's Wal Mart etc. in small packages and in colors. This is about 1/4 to 1/8 inch wide.)
- 6 or so plastic pony beads (these are the beads with the large hole) Cost - about \$.40 each.

## Directions:

Thread about 4 or more pony beads to the middle of the suede strip. Then thread both ends through one bead. This makes the "slide" like on a boy scout's neckerchief. This was the only step they needed help with, it helps if the ends are cut on an angle. Put one bead on the end of each lace and tie a knot. Put it on your wrist and slide the slide bead to hold it tight. The ends dangle down. When we did this, I had the girls in small groups of 3 or 4 with a leader and they talked about what it means to be a friend to all girl scouts... as they did it. At the end of the meeting, I had all of the girls trade their bracelets and say something friendly. I had paper and crayons for them to draw a picture of a friend in case they had to wait for the leader to help them a little.

Comments: This was fun, the girls liked it and they seem to wear the bracelets.

Contributed by:

Jane Alive



# Fun Foam Fall Leaves SWAP

## Materials:

- fun foam in fall colors
- leaf patterns
- permanent markers
- glue
- safety pin

## Directions:

If you live in an area with wonderful fall colors this might be cool: Go to the library and check out a book on tree identification. Copy or trace off the outlines of leaves in your area. Get sheets of Fun foam in orange, yellow, brown, red and dark green. Trace the leaf patterns on to the foam add veins with a permanent marker. Glue a pin on back either individually or in clusters of different colors.

Contributed by:

Kris Swank

# Girl Scout Cookie Pins

## Materials:

- Girl Scout Shortbread (trefoil) Cookies
- Modge Podge
- pins
- glue

## Instructions:

Leave cookies out to dry out for several days. (You can also dry them in an oven at low temp, or in a food dehydrator) When they are hard, coat with Modge Podge. Let dry and repeat application. When completely dry, attach pin back.

# Girl Scout Friendship Bracelet

## Materials:

- royal blue suede lacing (leaders get white lacing.).
- 2 white pony beads
- 1 royal blue pony bead
- 1 brown pony bead
- 1 jade green pony bead
- 2 navy pony beads
- 1 yellow pony bead
- 1 clear pony bead
- 1 gold pony bead

## Directions:

Knot 1/3 down. Add White bead (leader) royal blue (daisy's) brown (brownies) Jade (juniors) navy (cadette)? yellow (senior) white (always surrounded by leaders.) My group of Girls did this with the old colors so it was easier to pick the colors. Knot the beads tight. Through the back gold (friend ship pin), clear in the middle (God), Navy (friendship pin) knot ends. Our girls made one side the worlds of Girl Scouting, and the other side orange (Orange County). They have to trade with another scout.

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Contributed by:

Debe Tomney Daisy troop 1925 Cadette troop 526 Orange county, Ca

## Go Fish SWAP

### Materials:

- cardboard or felt or tag board
- markers
- hole punch
- thread
- drinking straws
- safety pin
- glue

### Directions:

Cut 2 or 3 small fish shapes, draw on a mouth, eyes and scales. Punch a hole near the mouth of the fish. Tie some thread on to each fish. For the pole take 1/3 of a regular drinking straw, poke a small hole in the end and thread through the hole. Glue a pin back to the straw.

Contributed by:

Kris Swank

## (Green) Angel Pins

### Materials:

- styrofoam meat trays
- angel cookie cutter
- markers
- pins

### Directions:

Use the cookie cutter as a pattern. Trace the outline on the Styrofoam. Bake in about 350-400 degree oven on an old or foil covered cookie sheet. Watch carefully, they melt fast, they will curl up and down, when flat remove from oven. (They can be colored with markers before or after baking, it is a little easier before because they are bigger.) Attach pin to back. Other cookie cutter shapes can be used, but I found that none of them melt exactly evenly, so you will want to experiment to see which ones work best.

Submitted by: Joyce Betz

# Hat Pin Apple Pattern

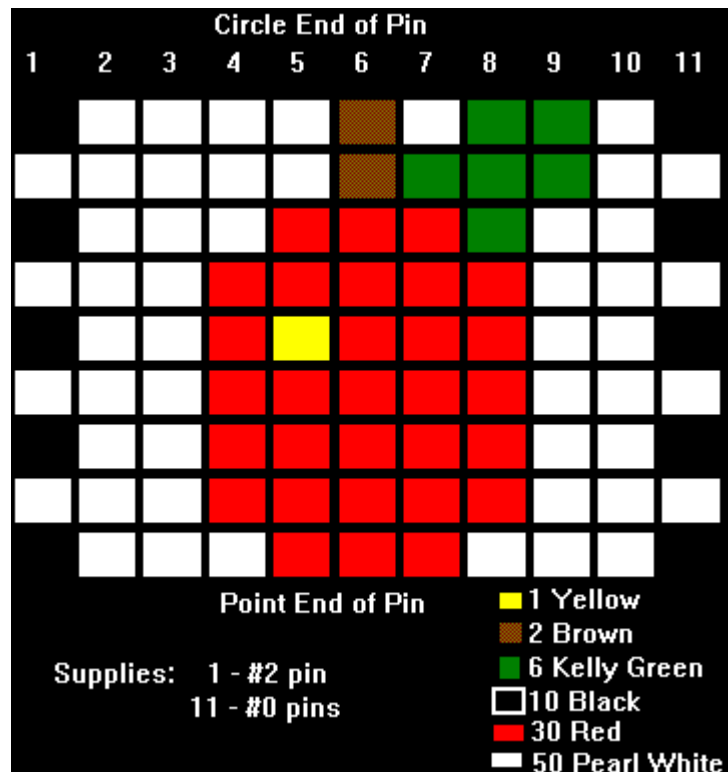
## Materials:

- 11 size 0 (7/8") safety pins
- 1 size 2 (1-1/2") safety pin
- yellow, brown, red, white, black, kelly green seed beads
- metal nail file
- needle-nose pliers
- krylon acrylic clear coat

## Directions:

Spray safety pins with clear coat to keep them from tarnishing.

Each row is a size 0 pin with seed bead strung on it. Open pins and string seed beads following the pattern provided. Start at the top with Row 1 and work down.



Use point of metal nail file to bend open the loop at base of large size 2 pin.

Thread base of beaded pin onto front shank of large pin, force around loop and onto back shank of large pin. Follow pattern, from left to right.

By: Junior Troop 245

# Hat Pin Australian Flag Pattern

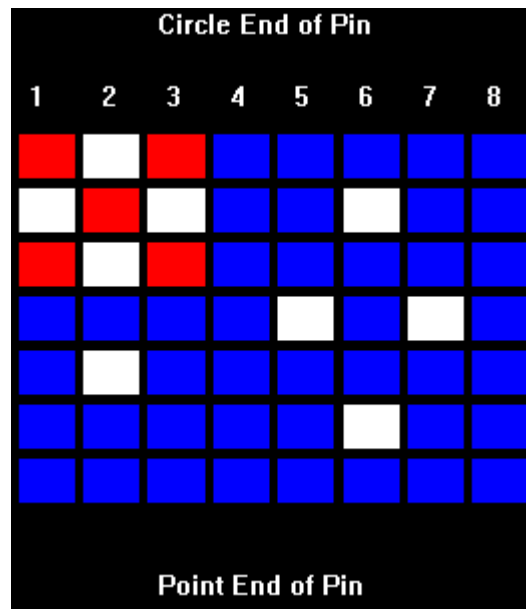
## Materials:

- 11 size 0 (7/8") safety pins
- 1 size 2 (1-1/2") safety pin
- red, white, blue seed beads
- metal nail file
- needle-nose pliers
- krylon acrylic clear coat

## Directions:

Spray safety pins with clear coat to keep them from tarnishing.

Each row is a size 0 pin with seed bead strung on it. Open pins and string seed beads following the pattern provided. Start at the top with Row 1 and work down.



Use point of metal nail file to bend open the loop at base of large size 2 pin.

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# Hat Pin Bird Pattern

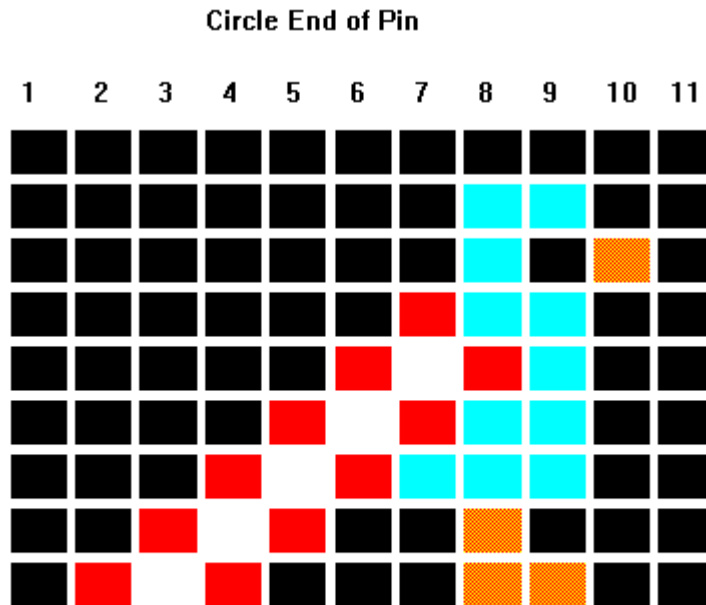
## Materials:

- 11 size 0 (7/8") safety pins
- 1 size 2 (1-1/2") safety pin
- yellow, light blue, orange, white, black seed beads
- metal nail file
- needle-nose pliers
- krylon acrylic clear coat

## Directions:

Spray safety pins with clear coat to keep them from tarnishing.

Each row is a size 0 pin with seed bead strung on it. Open pins and string seed beads following the pattern provided. Start at the top with Row 1 and work down.



## Point End of Pin

Use point of metal nail file to bend open the loop at base of large size 2 pin.

Thread base of beaded pin onto front shank of large pin, force around loop and onto back shank of large pin. Follow pattern, from left to right.

By: Junior Troop 245



# Hat Pin Cat Pattern

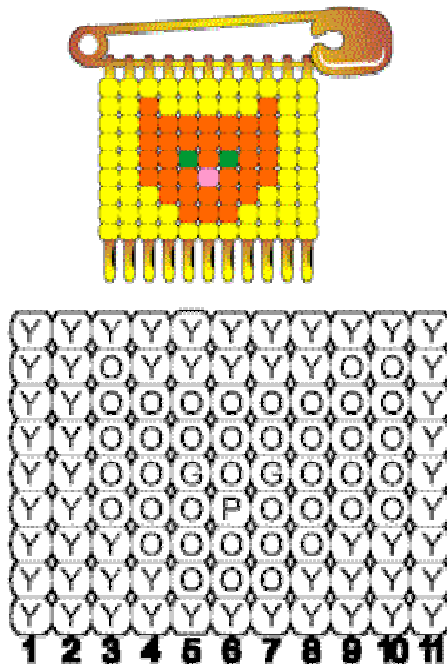
## Materials:

- 11 size 0 (7/8") safety pins
- 1 size 2 (1-1/2") safety pin
- yellow, orange, green and pink seed beads
- metal nail file
- needle-nose pliers
- krylon acrylic clear coat

## Directions:

Spray safety pins with clear coat to keep them from tarnishing.

Each row is a size 0 pin with seed bead strung on it. Open pins and string seed beads following the pattern provided. Start at the top with Row 1 and work down.



Use point of metal nail file to bend open the loop at base of large size 2 pin.

Thread base of beaded pin onto front shank of large pin, force around loop and onto back shank of large pin. Follow pattern, from left to right.

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# Hat Pin Cow Pattern

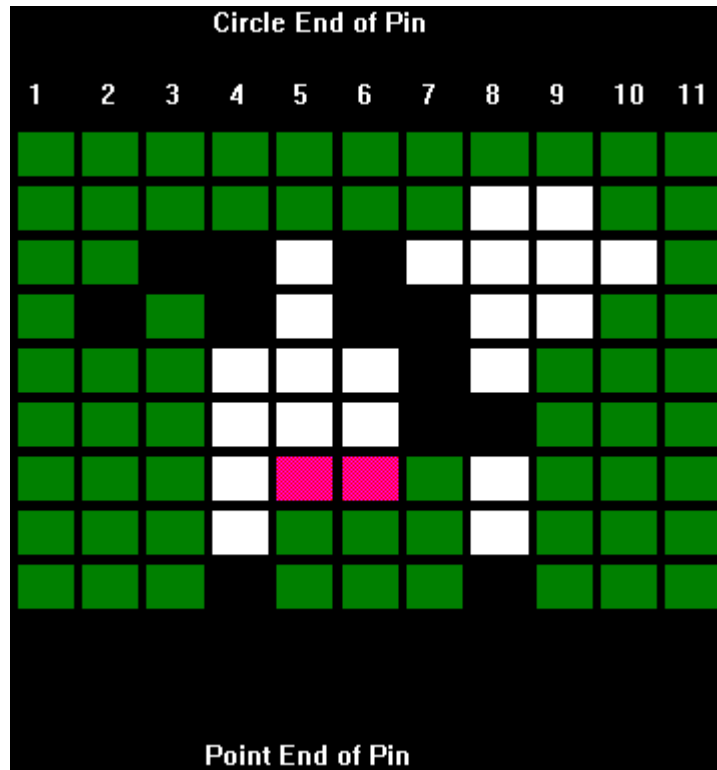
## Materials:

- 11 size 0 (7/8") safety pins
- 1 size 2 (1-1/2") safety pin
- pinkk, white, black, green seed beads
- metal nail file
- needle-nose pliers
- krylon acrylic clear coat

## Directions:

Spray safety pins with clear coat to keep them from tarnishing.

Each row is a size 0 pin with seed bead strung on it. Open pins and string seed beads following the pattern provided. Start at the top with Row 1 and work down.



Use point of metal nail file to bend open the loop at base of large size 2 pin.

Thread base of beaded pin onto front shank of large pin, force around loop and onto back shank of large pin. Follow pattern, from left to right.

By: Junior Troop 245

# Hat Pin Dog Pattern

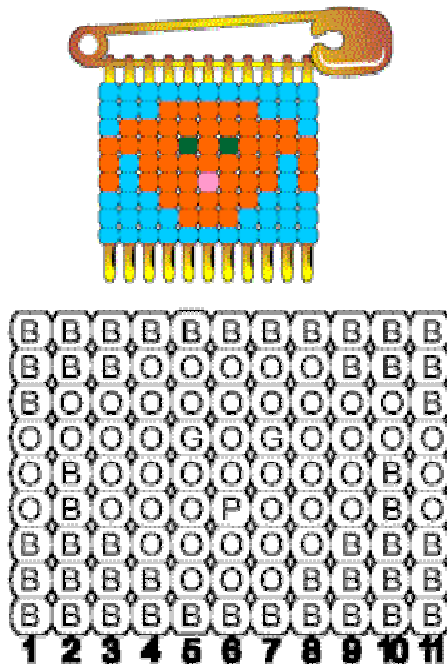
## Materials:

- 11 size 0 (7/8") safety pins
- 1 size 2 (1-1/2") safety pin
- blue, pink, green, orange seed beads
- metal nail file
- needle-nose pliers
- krylon acrylic clear coat

## Directions:

Spray safety pins with clear coat to keep them from tarnishing.

Each row is a size 0 pin with seed bead strung on it. Open pins and string seed beads following the pattern provided. Start at the top with Row 1 and work down.



Use point of metal nail file to bend open the loop at base of large size 2 pin.

Thread base of beaded pin onto front shank of large pin, force around loop and onto back shank of large pin. Follow pattern, from left to right.

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# Hat Pin Duck Pattern

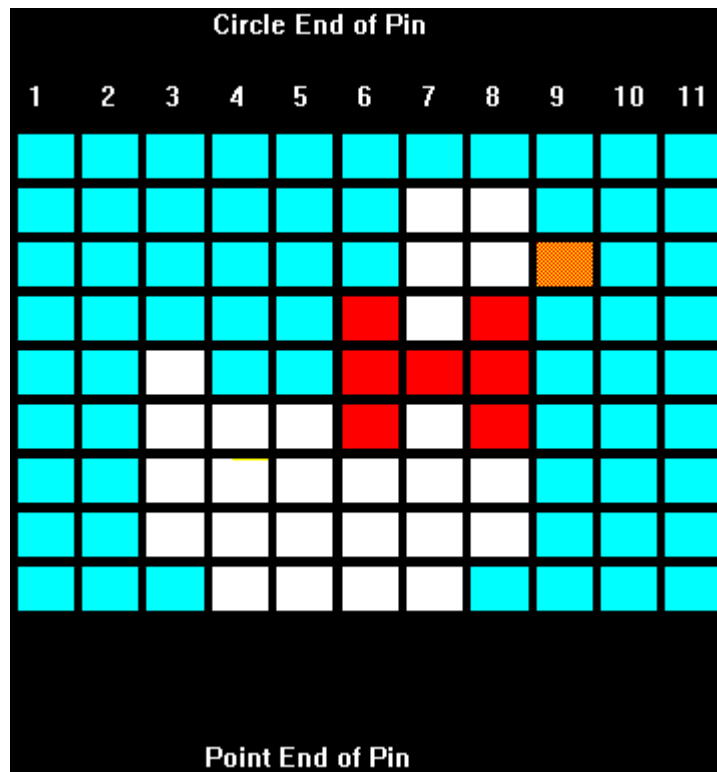
## Materials:

- 11 Size 0 (7/8") Safety Pins
- 1 Size 2 (1-1/2") Safety Pin
- Orange, White, Yellow, Blue Seed Beads
- Metal Nail File
- Needle-nose pliers
- Krylon Acrylic Clear Coat

## Directions:

Spray safety pins with clear coat to keep them from tarnishing.

Each row is a size 0 pin with seed bead strung on it. Open pins and string seed beads following the pattern provided. Start at the top with Row 1 and work down.



Use point of metal nail file to bend open the loop at base of large size 2 pin.

Thread base of beaded pin onto front shank of large pin, force around loop and onto back shank of large pin. Follow pattern, from left to right.

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# Hat Pin Flower Pattern

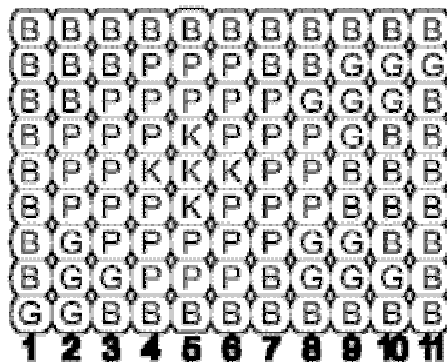
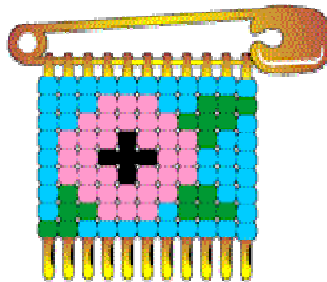
## Materials:

- 11 Size 0 (7/8") Safety Pins
- 1 Size 2 (1-1/2") Safety Pin
- Blue, Pink, Black, Green Seed Beads
- Metal Nail File
- Needle-nose pliers
- Krylon Acrylic Clear Coat

## Directions:

Spray safety pins with clear coat to keep them from tarnishing.

Each row is a size 0 pin with seed bead strung on it. Open pins and string seed beads following the pattern provided. Start at the top with Row 1 and work down.



Use point of metal nail file to bend open the loop at base of large size 2 pin.

Thread base of beaded pin onto front shank of large pin, force around loop and onto back shank of large pin. Follow pattern, from left to right.

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# Hat Pin Frog Pattern

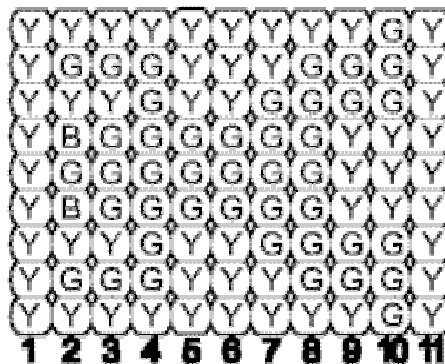
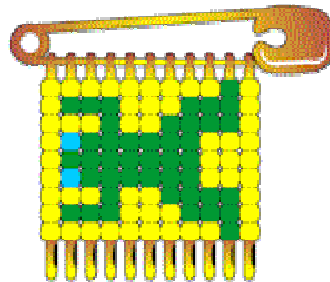
## Materials:

- 11 Size 0 (7/8") Safety Pins
- 1 Size 2 (1-1/2") Safety Pin
- Yellow, Green, and Blue Seed Beads
- Metal Nail File
- Needle-nose pliers
- Krylon Acrylic Clear Coat

## Directions:

Spray safety pins with clear coat to keep them from tarnishing.

Each row is a size 0 pin with seed bead strung on it. Open pins and string seed beads following the pattern provided. Start at the top with Row 1 and work down.



Use point of metal nail file to bend open the loop at base of large size 2 pin.

Thread base of beaded pin onto front shank of large pin, force around loop and onto back shank of large pin. Follow pattern, from left to right.

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# Hat Pin Girl Scout Trefoil

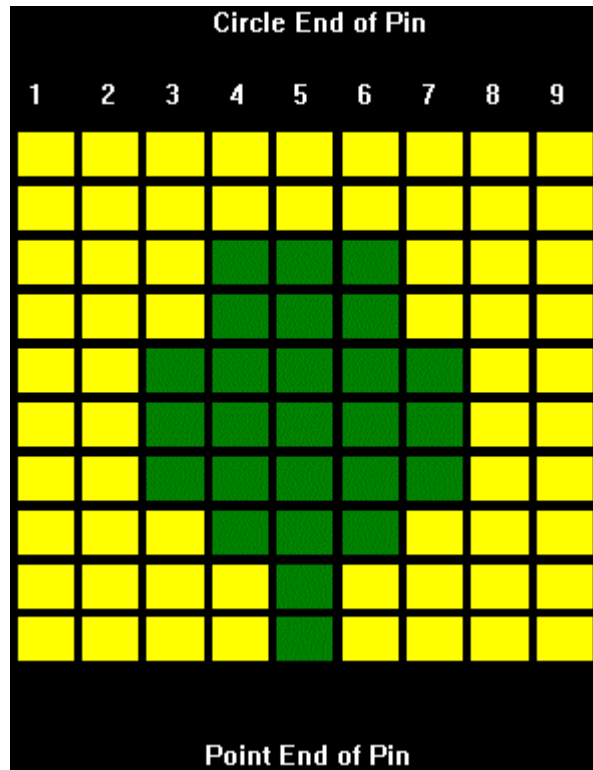
## Materials:

- 11 Size 0 (7/8") Safety Pins
- 1 Size 2 (1-1/2") Safety Pin
- Green, Yellow Seed Beads
- Metal Nail File
- Needle-nose pliers
- Krylon Acrylic Clear Coat

## Directions:

Spray safety pins with clear coat to keep them from tarnishing.

Each row is a size 0 pin with seed bead strung on it. Open pins and string seed beads following the pattern provided. Start at the top with Row 1 and work down.



Use point of metal nail file to bend open the loop at base of large size 2 pin.

Thread base of beaded pin onto front shank of large pin, force around loop and onto back shank of large pin. Follow pattern, from left to right.

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# Hat Pin Horse Pattern

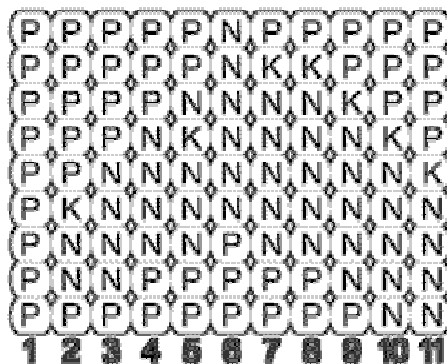
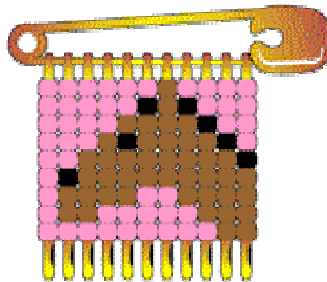
## Materials:

- 11 Size 0 (7/8") Safety Pins
- 1 Size 2 (1-1/2") Safety Pin
- Brown, Pink, & Black Seed Beads
- Metal Nail File
- Needle-nose pliers
- Krylon Acrylic Clear Coat

## Directions:

Spray safety pins with clear coat to keep them from tarnishing.

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Use point of metal nail file to bend open the loop at base of large size 2 pin.

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# Hat Pin Lady Bug Pattern

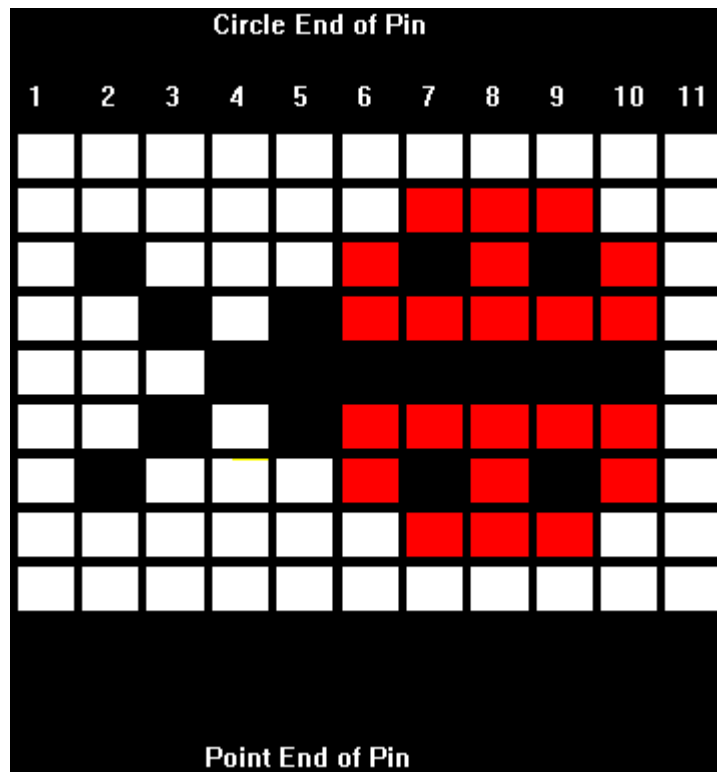
## Materials:

- 11 Size 0 (7/8") Safety Pins
- 1 Size 2 (1-1/2") Safety Pin
- Red, White, Black Seed Beads
- Metal Nail File
- Needle-nose pliers
- Krylon Acrylic Clear Coat

## Directions:

Spray safety pins with clear coat to keep them from tarnishing.

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Use point of metal nail file to bend open the loop at base of large size 2 pin.

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By: Junior Troop 245

# Hat Pin New Zealand Flag Pattern

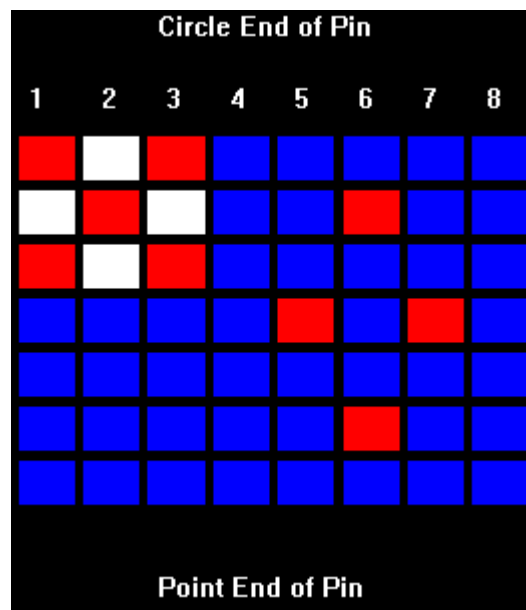
## Materials:

- 11 Size 0 (7/8") Safety Pins
- 1 Size 2 (1-1/2") Safety Pin
- Red, White, Blue Seed Beads
- Metal Nail File
- Needle-nose pliers
- Krylon Acrylic Clear Coat

## Directions:

Spray safety pins with clear coat to keep them from tarnishing.

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Use point of metal nail file to bend open the loop at base of large size 2 pin.

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# Hat Pin Pumpkin Pattern

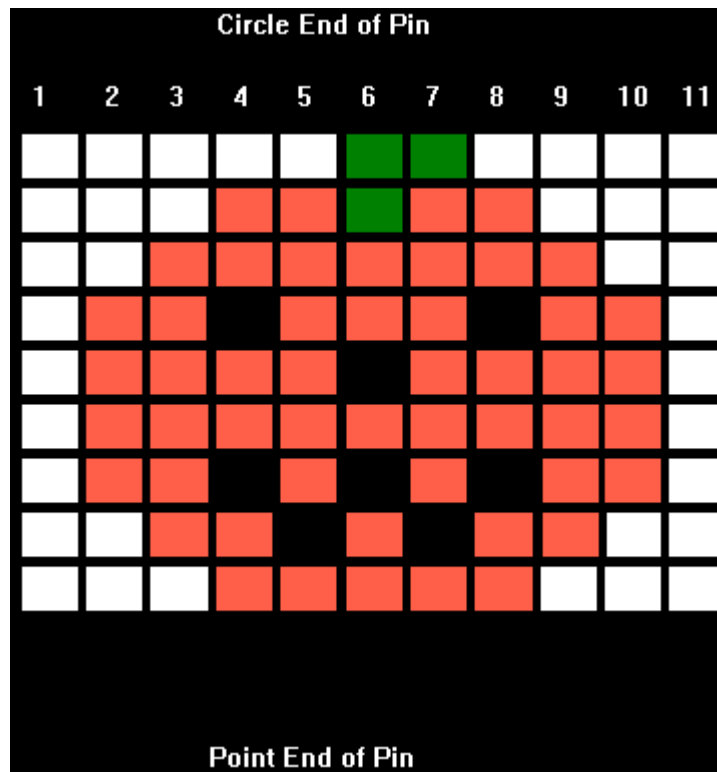
## Materials:

- 11 Size 0 (7/8") Safety Pins
- 1 Size 2 (1-1/2") Safety Pin
- Orange, White, Black, Green Seed Beads
- Metal Nail File
- Needle-nose pliers
- Krylon Acrylic Clear Coat

## Directions:

Spray safety pins with clear coat to keep them from tarnishing.

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# Hat Pin Rabbit Pattern

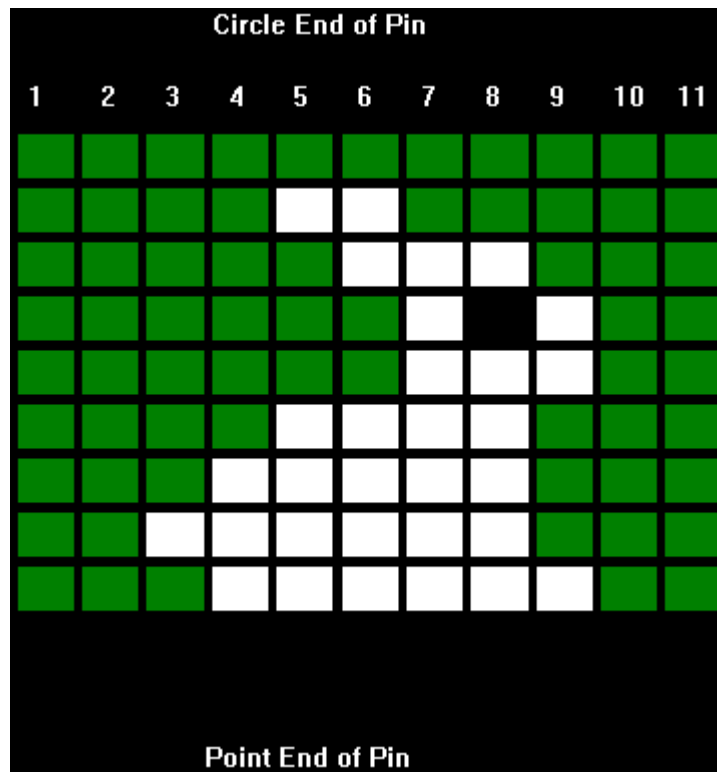
## Materials:

- 11 Size 0 (7/8") Safety Pins
- 1 Size 2 (1-1/2") Safety Pin
- White, Black, Green Seed Beads
- Metal Nail File
- Needle-nose pliers
- Krylon Acrylic Clear Coat

## Directions:

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# Hat Pin Rainbow Pattern

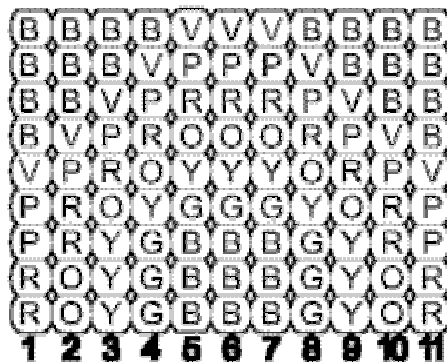
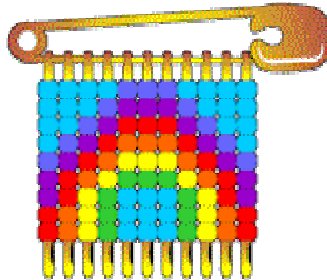
## Materials:

- 11 Size 0 (7/8") Safety Pins
- 1 Size 2 (1-1/2") Safety Pin
- Blue, Pink, Black, Green Seed Beads
- Metal Nail File
- Needle-nose pliers
- Krylon Acrylic Clear Coat

## Directions:

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# Hat Pin Shamrock Pattern

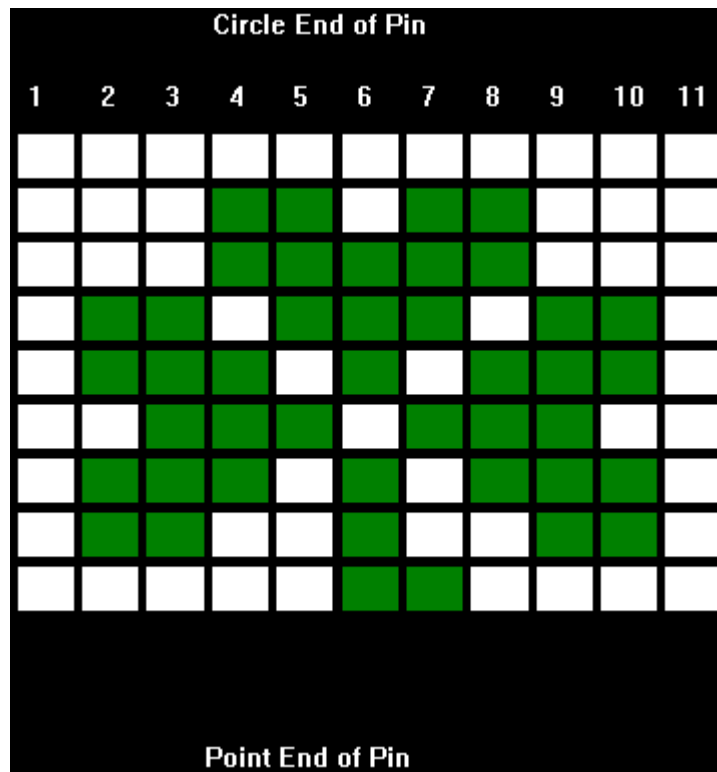
## Materials:

- 11 Size 0 (7/8") Safety Pins
- 1 Size 2 (1-1/2") Safety Pin
- White, Green Seed Beads
- Metal Nail File
- Needle-nose pliers
- Krylon Acrylic Clear Coat

## Directions:

Spray safety pins with clear coat to keep them from tarnishing.

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# Hat Pin Smiley Pattern

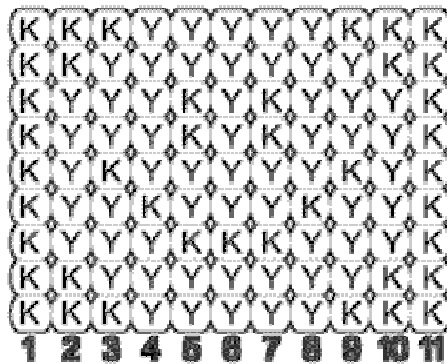
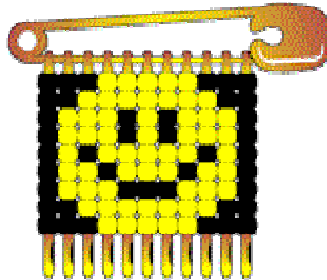
## Materials:

- 11 Size 0 (7/8") Safety Pins
- 1 Size 2 (1-1/2") Safety Pin
- Black & Yellow Seed Beads
- Metal Nail File
- Needle-nose pliers
- Krylon Acrylic Clear Coat

## Directions:

Spray safety pins with clear coat to keep them from tarnishing.

Each row is a size 0 pin with seed bead strung on it. Open pins and string seed beads following the pattern provided. Start at the top with Row 1 and work down.



Use point of metal nail file to bend open the loop at base of large size 2 pin.

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# Hat Pin Trefoil Pattern

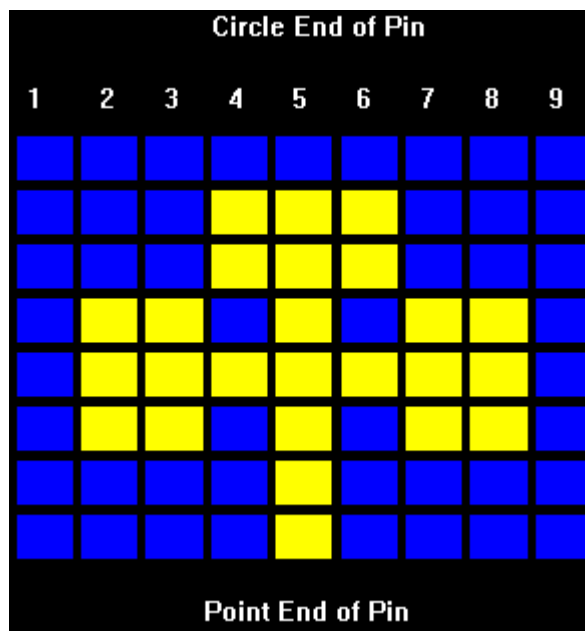
## Materials:

- 11 Size 0 (7/8") Safety Pins
- 1 Size 2 (1-1/2") Safety Pin
- Yellow, Blue Seed Beads
- Metal Nail File
- Needle-nose pliers
- Krylon Acrylic Clear Coat

## Directions:

Spray safety pins with clear coat to keep them from tarnishing.

Each row is a size 0 pin with seed bead strung on it. Open pins and string seed beads following the pattern provided. Start at the top with Row 1 and work down.



Use point of metal nail file to bend open the loop at base of large size 2 pin.

Thread base of beaded pin onto front shank of large pin, force around loop and onto back shank of large pin. Follow pattern, from left to right.

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# Hat Pin US Flag Pattern

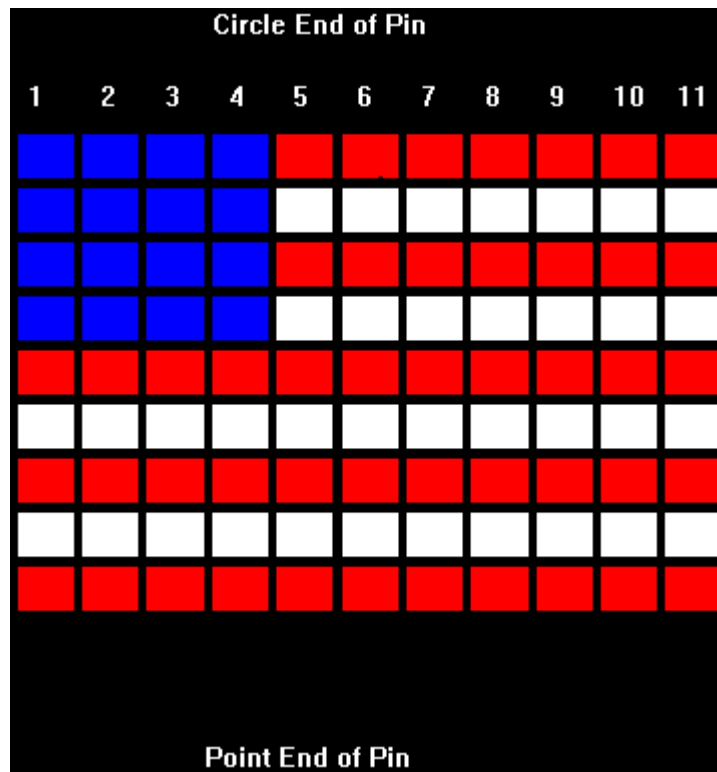
## Materials:

- 11 Size 0 (7/8") Safety Pins
- 1 Size 2 (1-1/2") Safety Pin
- Red, White, Blue Seed Beads
- Metal Nail File
- Needle-nose pliers
- Krylon Acrylic Clear Coat

## Directions:

Spray safety pins with clear coat to keep them from tarnishing.

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Use point of metal nail file to bend open the loop at base of large size 2 pin.

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# Hat Pin WAGGS Flag Pattern

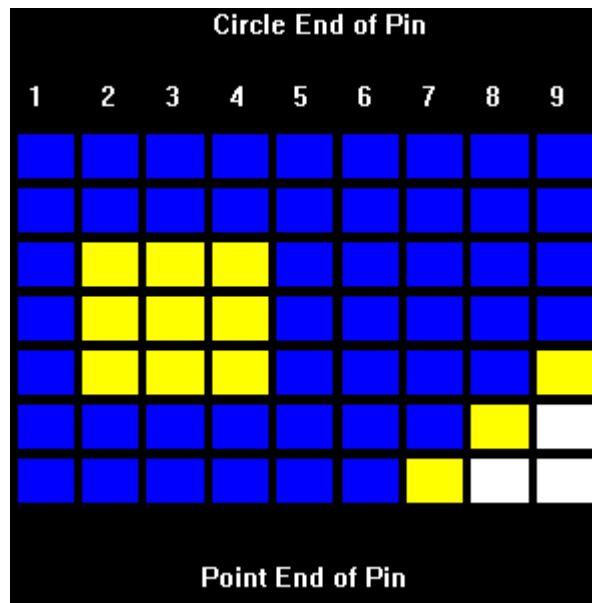
## Materials:

- 11 Size 0 (7/8") Safety Pins
- 1 Size 2 (1-1/2") Safety Pin
- White, Blue, and Yellow Seed Beads
- Metal Nail File
- Needle-nose pliers
- Krylon Acrylic Clear Coat

## Directions:

Spray safety pins with clear coat to keep them from tarnishing.

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Use point of metal nail file to bend open the loop at base of large size 2 pin.

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# Hat Pin Watermelon Pattern

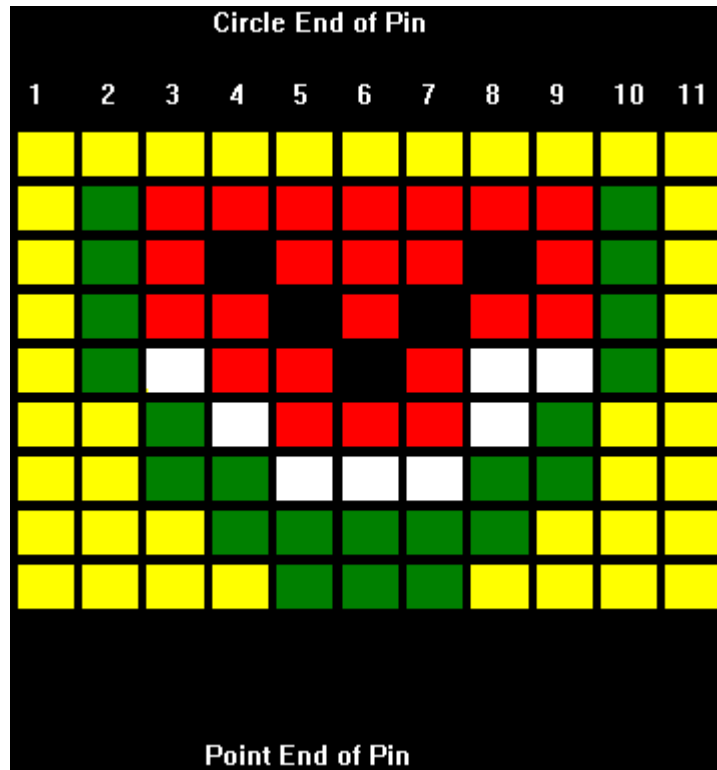
## Materials:

- 11 Size 0 (7/8") Safety Pins
- 1 Size 2 (1-1/2") Safety Pin
- Red, Yellow, White, Black, Green Seed Beads
- Metal Nail File
- Needle-nose pliers
- Krylon Acrylic Clear Coat

## Directions:

Spray safety pins with clear coat to keep them from tarnishing.

Each row is a size 0 pin with seed bead strung on it. Open pins and string seed beads following the pattern provided. Start at the top with Row 1 and work down.



Use point of metal nail file to bend open the loop at base of large size 2 pin.

Thread base of beaded pin onto front shank of large pin, force around loop and onto back shank of large pin. Follow pattern, from left to right.

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# Hemp Friendship Bracelet

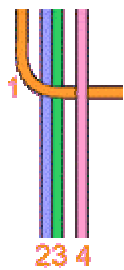
## Materials:

- 6 Yards Hemp
- Misc. Beads
- Masking Tape

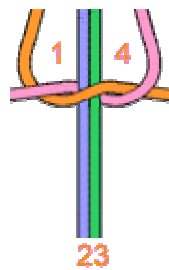
## Directions:

Preparing your cord: Cut hemp into two 3 yard lengths. Fold both pieces 18" from the end. Gather the folded strands together. You now have two 18" strands and two 7½" strands. Tie all together into a knot 4" from the fold. Secure by taping to table top at fold. You could also use a clipboard or slip loop made by fold around a chair leg. Pull both 18" strands taut and tape down ends. These will become strands 2 & 3 in the diagrams below.

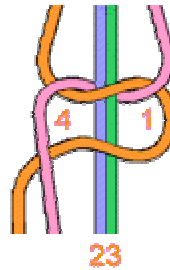
## Making the knots:



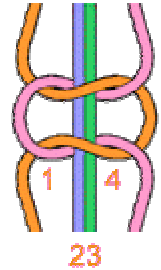
Cross strand 1 over strands 2 & 3 and under strand 4.



Bring strand 4 under strands 2 & 3, then up through the loop created by strand 1. Tighten.



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## Adding Beads:

Beads can be added at any point on the bracelet. You can string them on one, two or all four strands. On the bracelet shown above, beads were strung only on strands 2 & 3.

## Finishing:

When you reach the desired length, make a knot to match the other end. Remove tape. Trim ends, leaving enough to tie on wrist. Make a knot on each strand end to keep from fraying, adding a bead if desired.

# Hermie the Wormie

## Materials:

- green pipe cleaner
- glue
- googly eyes
- silk leaf
- safety pin

## Instructions:

Tightly wind one full pipe cleaner around a pencil, far enough from the point that you will finish winding at the point (about 1-1/2 inches from point). This is Hermie's tail-end. Glue googly eyes on the head, then hot glue the worm to a silk leaf. Hot glue a pin back to underside of leaf.



## HOLDERS for Special Campfire Ashes

Film canisters are really nice and handy to give to your girls to hold the campfire ashes for special campfires! This way each girl can have some of the special ashes. That way, when they visit and participate in future special campfires, they can share and pass on the tradition and legacy!

NOTE: It also makes a nice little gift when you include the ceremony for Campfire Ashes in the canister when you give it to someone. Of course, they remove the copy of the special ceremony before they actually put their canister to use.

# Lady Bug SWAP

## Materials:

- plaster of paris
- red and black paint
- glue
- googly eyes
- safety pin

## Instructions:

Mix Plaster of Paris according to package directions. Pour into the bowl of a spoon with the spoon handle resting on the handle of a wooden spoon to keep POP from running out the back. When set, remove from spoon. Let dry 24 hours, then paint with acrylic craft paint. Spray with clear acrylic sealer. Glue on googly eyes and a pin back.



# Latrine Duty SWAP

## Materials:

- film canister
- wire
- straw
- pipe cleaner
- glue

## Instructions:

Cut the film canister down to make a bucket. Punch holes in each side for the wire handle. Attach the wire handle. Cut a piece of plastic drinking straw, and cut the pipe cleaner a little longer. Bend one end of the pipe cleaner to make the working end of a toilet brush and glue it in place.





# Lollipop Swap

## Materials:

- red & white striped pipe-cleaner
- cellophane or any clear plastic bag
- string or yarn
- pins
- glue
- small pieces of straws
- ribbon

## Directions:

Follow directions for the Peppermint Candy SWAP, but glue a small piece of straw on the back before wrapping. To wrap, place lollipop in the middle of cellophane and wrap. Twist around straw and secure with ribbon or chenille. Glue pin back on. Another use for these is magnets. Also can just make up a bunch and use loops of masking tape to secure them to walls during holidays. After holidays, carefully remove tape and store them in a bag for the next year.

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Sue Moore

## Mini Dunk Bag

### Materials:

- netting
- string
- doll dishes (Barbie size)

### Instructions:

Cut netting in a 2-inch by 4-inch rectangle. Fold in half and stitch the two sides, making a 2-inch square. Thread string through top for drawstring. Put a couple of doll dishes inside and pull bag closed. Tie in knot. Attach a pin back or stick a safety pin through top. (If you can't find the right doll dishes, make some out of clay or fun foam)



## Miniature Dunking Bag SWAP

### Materials:

- net fabric
- string
- $\frac{1}{2}$  inch and 1 inch wooden circles
- paint
- markers

### Directions:

We had created the bags for the girls using circles of net fabric and weaving a pull string through the perimeter of the circle. The girls created little plates by painting 1" and 1/2" wooden circles. These were really cute! Some of the girls decided not to paint but to use markers; gave the plates a washed pastel effect.

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# Miniature Night Eyes

## Materials:

- pieces of film canisters
- reflector tape

## Instructions:

To make these, you can use the pieces of film canisters that you have left over from other film canister SWAPS projects. Soak the canister scraps in boiling water (ahead of time and usually at home), then press them flat with a heavy object. Next, have your girls cut out eye shapes of reflector tape, and stick them on the film canister scraps. Now you have your own night eye reminders.

# Mint Candy Swaps

## Materials:

- chenille sticks in white and red
- clear cellophane pin for back
- lo-melt glue gun or tacky glue

## Directions:

Take two chenille sticks, one red and one white, and twist them together. After they are twisted, coil the twist. You will get a flat circle formed by the coiled twist. This is your mint. Cut a small square of cellophane, place mint in the middle of one side, and wrap. Twist ends. Use short piece of chenille to secure twisted ends. Glue pin on back. This should look like those wrapped mints you get at restaurants. Note: can tie with ribbon instead of chenille. It just takes a bit longer. Another note - the cellophane I am referring to comes in rolls like wrapping paper. I tried using red, but it was too dark.

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## Mouse Pin SWAP

### Materials (per mouse):

- gray or tan or black and pink felt pieces
- 1 large (about 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter) tan pompom
- 2 googly eyes (we used 4mm size)
- 1 pin back
- glue

### Directions:

Brown felt cut into the following shapes: 1 oval to hold pin back to pompom, 2 roughly circular (about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter) shaped pieces for ears, 1 long narrow piece for tail (about 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 3" long), tiny scrap for nose, cut into sort of a rounded triangle shape. Glue (we used Tacky glue) A glue gun was used to attach pin back securely (leader can do this part). Just glue them together, two ears positioned at top, then eyes (tweezers really help in applying eyes) nose and tail. (Tip: use a good amount of glue (not so much as to be drippy, but more than you would need for paper of the same size. It also helps to "part" the "fur" slightly before trying to insert the ears and tail, you get a better bond that way.) We recommend that a leader pre-assemble the pin back to the felt oval using a glue gun - then the girl can just glue the felt piece to the bottom of the mouse after it is made. No two mice come out exactly alike - it's fun to see all their personalities! You might even want to dress up your mouse with a perky bow of yarn, ribbon or felt!

# Nature Pins

## Materials:

- Clear Contact Paper
- Size 2 Safety Pin
- Metal Nail File
- Flowers and Leaves gathered (with permission, of course!)

## Directions:

Cut two 2" circles of contact paper. Select flowers and/or leaves to press on to one of the circles. (The four-leaf clover above was made by adding an extra leaf to a three-leaf clover!) Cover with the second piece of contact paper. Trim.

Spray safety pins with clear coat to keep them from tarnishing.

Use the point of metal nail file to bend open the loop at the base of the safety pin. Use the pin to poke a hole in the top of your nature design. Push it down the front shank of the pin, around the loop and on to the back shank of the pin.



## Oscar The Grouch

### Materials:

- film canister
- green pom pom
- googly eyes
- glue

### Instructions:

Using the film canister as the garbage can, gluing the lid onto a green pom pom, etc. Older girls might think they are too old to appreciate owning one of these, but they could have a lot of fun making them and giving them to needy kids. Another idea is to use the idea at a service unit event.





## Paper Towel Roll SWAP

### Materials:

- wire
- strip of paper towel or quilted toilet paper
- glue

### Instructions:

Bend the wire to look like a clothes hanger. Wrap the strip of paper towel or quilted toilet paper around like a paper towel roll. Glue to fasten the paper towel to the wire and to keep it from unrolling.



## Peppermint Candy SWAP (Looks like a red & white peppermint candy.)

### Materials:

- red & white striped pipe-cleaner
- cellophane or any clear plastic bag
- string or yarn
- pins

### Directions:

Take a 4 in piece of striped pipe-cleaner and shape it so it looks like a snail/circular maze - this is the peppermint candy. Cut a piece of cellophane/clear plastic into a rectangle (approx 5 in x 3 in). Wrap the peppermint candy pipe-cleaner in this wrapper. Twist the wrapper close to the candy and secure with a small piece of ribbon/string/thread. Attach to a pin.

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# Pet Rock

## Materials:

- small rocks
- acrylic paints (assorted colors)
- googly eyes

## Instructions:

Paint rocks to look like animals or "critters." Glue on googly eyes and pin backs.

For scented rocks, soak rocks in essence of oil overnight and bake in oven until dry. These can have pictures painted on them but you would not want to completely cover the rocks as this would cover the scent.

# Picture Frame

## Materials:

- film canister lids
- magnets
- small photos
- glue gun
- poster board
- paint
- glitter

## Instructions:

Cut a shape (heart, star, flower, etc...) out of the poster board, leaving a hole in the center slightly smaller than the canister lid. Decorate the shape with paint and glitter. Cut a photo to fit inside the lid. Glue it inside the lid, then glue the shape to the rim of the lid. Glue the magnet to the top of the lid.

## Pine Cone Bluebonnets SWAP

### Materials:

- Tiny 1" - 2" pinecone
- Medium blue paint
- White paint
- Safety pin
- Glue

### Directions:

Take a tiny (1"-2") Pinecone paint the bottom a medium blue and the top 1/4"-1/2" white, acrylic paint works best. Let Dry. Glue a pin on the back. These can also be done with large pinecones for center-pieces or decorations.

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# Pipe Cleaner Butterfly SWAP

## Materials:

- 2 pipe cleaners
- Beads
- Safety pin

## Directions:

Bring ends of one pipe cleaner to the middle of same pipe cleaner. Let ends overlap enough for attachment and antenna. Twist ends around middle. Do the same with other pipe cleaner. Then use one set of the end extensions to connect the two middles together. Reposition other set of end extensions for antenna. Slip bead on each antenna folding pipe cleaner over it to hold. Using different colored pipe cleaners & putting a few beads around the pipe cleaners before twisting, will add spice to your butterfly. Attach a pin to the wing. This can also be done using only one pipe cleaner if you make the butterfly much smaller. (Let ends on first twist overlap enough to make the second circles.)

Wasps, bees, mosquitoes, etc. can be made similarly with pipe cleaners, pompoms, & wiggle eyes.

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# Pizza Slice

## Materials:

- tan fun foam
- assorted colors of felt or fun foam scraps
- tiny pompoms
- brown marker
- glue

## Instructions:

Cut a triangle from the fun foam about 2 inches from point to "crust." Color back edge with brown marker for crust. Decorate with scraps of felt and pompoms for toppings. Attach a pin back.

## Polar Bear Pin

### Materials:

White Sculpting

Safety pin

Paints

### Directions:

Cut a tiny bear out of the clay with a cookie cutter. Before baking it, stick a safety pin onto the back. Bake. Paint on a face and little holly leaves with berries on one leg. Varnish for a shiny look. Add little tiny bow on neck.



## Pressed Leaves SWAP

### Materials:

- small leaves that have turned colors but not dried out
- cardboard
- glue
- scissors
- waxed paper
- iron
- glue
- safety pin

### Directions:

Collect small leaves that have turned colors but not dried out. Trace the leaf on a small piece of cardboard, cut out and glue leaf to the cardboard and let dry. You could write information on the back of the cardboard like Troop # and Location. When dry put cardboard/leaf between 2 sheets of waxed paper and Iron to seal (have adults do this). Trim away as much waxed paper as you can but leaving the swap sealed. Glue a pin on back.

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Kris Swank

# Rainbow Feathers SWAP

## Materials:

- dyed turkey feathers
- beads to fit on feathers (red, blue, purple, green, yellow, and orange)
- toothpick
- glue
- ribbon

## Instructions:

Put a little glue on the inside of the bead before sliding on the feather. Tie a piece of ribbon on the end...secure with a little glue (you can add a computer generated label with name, council name, name and date of event, cover in contact paper (clear) to make stronger and punch hole on top of one side and attach to ribbon)

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## Reindeer Puzzle Pin

### Materials:

- 3 small puzzle pieces
- Googly eyes
- Little holly leaves and berries
- Pin glued on back

### Directions:

The puzzle pieces are painted brown. One piece is the face, the other 2 glued behind like antlers. Place the eyes and paint a red nose on the face piece. Glue the little holly leaves and berries on the end of one of the antlers. Glue the pin on back.

## S' Mores SWAP #1

### Materials:

- cardboard backing to attach pin to
- beige and dark brown felt
- cotton ball
- felt tip pen
- tacky glue or glue gun
- pin

### Directions:

Cut a 1"x 1" piece of poster board ( or cereal box ) and glue a pin to one side. Layer #1 is a piece of beige felt over the poster board ( on opposite side of pin) so the poster board doesn't show .( this is the graham cracker on the bottom) The felt can be cut with pinking shears or regular scissors Layer #2 is a square piece of dark brown felt (for the chocolate layer) a bit smaller than the beige square. Layer #3 is a cotton ball stretched out to be the marshmallow, then layer #4 is a smaller beige felt square ( cut with pinking shears or regular scissors) with felt pen dots on top to be the top layer of graham cracker. Glue each layer to the next, glue guns work the best, but tacky glue works well too. Brownies will need help using glue gun Be sure tacky glue is completely dry before wearing or they all fall off. All ages can do this, including Daisies.... they have been a real hit at camp!



## S' Mores SWAP #2

### Materials:

- light brown felt (color of graham cracker)
- dark brown felt, (color of chocolate)
- white felt (color of marshmallow)
- tacky glue or craft glue
- safety pins

### Directions:

There are two shapes you can do this in. One inch square is easier for younger girls (Brownies); but 3/4" by 1 1/4" looks more realistic. For each swap cut two pieces of light brown felt to the size chosen. Cut one piece each of the dark brown and white felt, again, in the size chosen. Take one piece of light brown felt. Put some glue on it, and top with dark brown felt; repeat with white felt, then other piece of light brown felt. Put safety pin through one corner, and you're done!

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Rae Haynes

## Sand Painting SWAP

### Materials:

- Small plastic cups like used for individual communion cups used in some churches
- Colored sand
- White glue
- Safety pin

### Directions:

Take a very small plastic cup, about the size of the ones some Churches use for individual communion. Fill with layers of colored sand. Cover the top with white glue and let dry. Add a pin to one side.

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Kris Swank

## Scavenger Hunt Containers

Use empty film canisters as containers for holding objects gathered in scavenger hunts.

### **Idea Posted by Wendy Baker:**

I once was at a hike where I was asked to play a game with the girls. I gave them each a film canister and told them that the Martians had landed at the gate to the park. That they were unable to withstand our atmosphere but they wanted to take back items of nature and had asked if we could in 15 minutes collect small items to take back. The girls had a ball collecting and filling their film canisters. They were not allowed to pick anything only take loose objects. Some of them still have their canisters on their hats.

# Sculpture Clay Pin

## Materials:

- Sculpture clay
- Pin backs
- Glue
- Cookie cutters
- Paints, markers

## Directions:

These are pins made of clay commemorating the event Shape a piece of the clay into a flat circle (like a quarter). Using clay of other colors, make a scene of the event or make letters naming the event. For instance, for day camp last year, my daughter and I made the shape of a lake and a couple of pine trees, then put the letters "GF '96" on the piece. We also made a couple of pins for the leaders with pictures of their camp names, ie, for "Butterfly" we made a butterfly (what else) etc. Bake the pins as directed (usually at 275 degrees for about 10-12 minutes. When cool glue pin backs on (a hot glue gun would work best). NOTE: Cookie cutters can also be used to cut out different shapes for the pins.

Submitted by: Katherine Faella



# Sewing Kit

## Materials:

- film canisters
- needles stuck through small piece of index card
- tiny spool of thread
- folding scissors
- small safety pins

## Instructions:

Put all items inside canister. Punch hole in canister to string a ribbon through for a necklace or hot glue a pin back to the side of the canister.

## Sit-Upon SWAP

### Materials:

- square of wallpaper (or other suitable stuff)
- yarn
- paper towels

### Directions:

Sew edges with yarn, stuff with folded paper towel.

Contributed by:

Deb Graham



# Sleeping Girl Scout

## Materials:

- wooden spoon
- flesh colored acrylic paint
- felt
- cotton ball
- glue

## Instructions:

Paint a wooden spoon with flesh colored acrylic paint. When dry, paint on facial features. Glue on hair. Cut a 6-inch by 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  inch piece of felt. Fold in half and glue the edges, stopping  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from open end. Fold  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch over on one side and glue. Stuff one cotton ball inside sleeping bag for camper's body, then insert spoon girl. If desired, make a tiny pillow, stuffed with a cotton ball. Glue under camper's head.



## Snowman Pin SWAP

### Materials:

- Craft stick or tongue depressor for larger version
- Round piece of felt with slit cut in it
- Glue
- Markers or paint for features
- Safety pin
- Strip of ribbon or fabric

### Directions:

Paint the stick or depressor white. Paint the top end black. Slip the felt over the black end and glue the front of the felt to the stick. Draw with sharpie or paint eyes and mouth black, orange triangle nose. Tie a thin strip of fabric or ribbon for scarf and glue pin on back.

Taken from a December issue of *American Girl Magazine*

# Snow Man

## Materials:

- film canister lids (2)
- fun foam
- googly eyes
- small black buttons
- small piece of poster board
- white paint
- glue
- black dimensional paint
- 4" piece of ribbon, yarn or  $\frac{1}{4}$  in wide strip of felt

## Instructions:

Paint the lids white. When dry, glue together in the shape of an "8". Glue the eyes on the head and the buttons on the body. Tie the ribbon (yarn or felt strip) around the middle for a scarf. Use dimensional paint to draw a mouth. If desired, you can cut a stovepipe hat from fun foam and glue to head.

## Soda Bottle Butterfly

Using permanent markers, trace a butterfly onto a plastic soda bottle, with the centerline running up and down the bottle. Color with permanent markers. (If using a green bottle, don't need to color.) Cut out the butterfly. Bend a 4-inch length of pipe cleaner in the middle and wrap around center of butterfly, between wings. Twist a time or two and spread ends apart to form antennae. With the wings curving UP, hot glue a pin back to the bottom.



## Spaceships SWAP

### Materials:

- film canister lids
- silver paint or glitter
- tiny green pompoms
- glue

### Instructions:

Paint the lids silver or cover with glitter. Glue pompoms on top (Martians!). Glue on a pin back. For older girls, you could punch a hole in the edge and attach an earring hook.

# Spider SWAP

## Materials:

- Large pom-pom
- Pipe cleaners
- Small eyes
- Glue
- Elastic thread

## Directions:

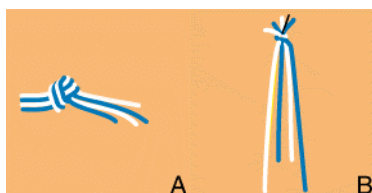
I saw a cute "craft" at a flea market/craft show the other day. They made a spider from a large pom-pom (those little yarn balls you can purchase at craft stores in bags of 50-100) glue eyes on top and chenille strips (pipe cleaners) on the bottom (probably cut in half- depending on size of body), bend to make legs, knees and feet) then attach a piece of thread, they used elastic, from the top and tie it on the end of a stick.



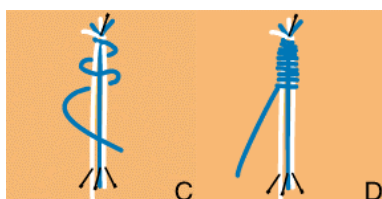
## Square Knot Bracelet

(blue and white):

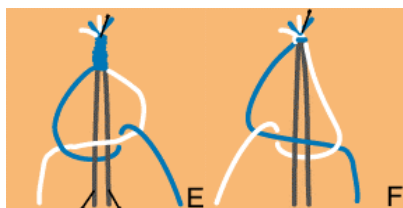
First select two colors for bracelet. Cut one 22" piece and one 36" piece of each color. (You should wind up with four strings; two long, two short) For our example we used blue and white. Lay your strings with ends matching and colors separated. (white, blue, white, blue) The two longest strings should be on the outsides and the two shorter strings in the center. At the end that all the strings match up evenly, tie all four strings into one big knot (much like tying a balloon.) See illustration A. Using a straight pin, pin the strings by the knot to the end of the foam core (B).



Then select one of the longest strings on the outside and pull a little to the side to separate it (we chose the longest red string). Take the remaining three strings pulling them gently down to make taut but not extremely tight and secure each string with its own pin to the board. Then take the string you pulled off to the side and beginning winding it gently around the other three strings. (C & D) As you wind you want it to cover the strings underneath if the strings underneath are showing through you can push the already wound string up and closer to each other to close the gaps. Don't wind too tight or too loose. Keep winding until the total length of the wound up area is about 1-1/4".



Again, pull the long string you were winding off to the side and unpin the other three. The two longest strings should again be on the outside and the shorter ones in the middle. Take the shorter strings in the center and again pull them gently down to make taut but not extremely tight and secure each string with its own pin to the board.



You may have to tighten up the end of the string that we wound around the end of the bracelet before making your first knot. To begin your first knot take the long string to the outside right (ours is white) and cross it over the center strings (E) take the other long string (ours is blue) bring it over the white string and behind the two pinned strings and up through the white string again (basically tying a knot).

Then, take the string to the left and cross it over the pinned strings. Take the other long string to the right and bring it over the first string, behind the pinned strings and out through the first string (F). Once both knots are completed you have made a square knot. Continue making one knot (E) and then the other (F) until the total length of just the knotted area is about 7".

At this point select the same string that you originally did the winding at the top of the bracelet with and lay to the side. Select the other three strings pulling them gently down to make taut but not extremely tight and secure each string with its own pin to the board. Again wrap the string around the bracelet as you did at the top for a length of about 1-1/3". Unpin strings, being sure not to let the string you just wrapped unwind and make a knot like you did to start of the bracelet with. Take the pin out that is holding the top of the bracelet and trim both ends to about 1/8" to 1/4" from knot.

Wear it yourself or give to a friend.

## Square Knot Ribbon SWAP

### Materials:

- 6" long strips of different colored ribbon
- Small bell
- Tape

### Directions:

Take different colors (for example, Juniors might use blue and green) of ribbon, about 6" long. Tape the ends of the ribbon to a table and have the girls practice making square knots in them until there is about an inch and a half left. Then tie a small bell on the end. Usually they will get 4-6 knots on the ribbon, and it is great square knot practice! Change the color to suit season, etc. You could also do this, but braid the ribbon.

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# Star Gazing SWAP

## Materials:

- black film canisters
- paper
- star charts
- strong pin or nail
- tape

## Instructions:

Make small templates of the star constellations, and tape the template to the bottom of a black film canister. Using a strong pin, punch through the canister using the template as a guide. Then you can shine a small flashlight through the hole and it will show up on the side of the tent.

# State Pin

## Materials:

- fun foam
- dimensional paint
- glitter (or use glitter dimensional paint)

## Instructions:

Cut the shape of your state from the fun foam. Use dimensional paint to write the name of the state. Make a little star in the location of your town and add its name. Sprinkle glitter over paint before it dries or use glitter paint. Attach a pin back.

# Styrofoam Spider SWAP

## Materials:

- 1 or 2" styrofoam ball
- black chenille stems
- black spray paint
- googly eyes

## Directions:

Paint the ball black. Let dry. Cut the chenille stems in half. Bend each "leg" about half way in a 90 degree angle and bend 1/2" from end for "foot". Insert 4 legs on each side of body (ball). Glue two googly eyes on front. Spider can either stand on table or you can hand from thread pinned to top of spider.

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Kathy Franda

## SWAP bag simple

### Materials:

- mesh bags from oranges/onions
- thin ribbon (green looks nice with the orange color of the mesh bags.)

### Directions:

Cut along seam of orange mesh bag to open it and lay it flat. Cut large size mesh bags into two smaller pieces. Fold your piece of mesh in half. Using the ribbon "sew" your mesh bag up each side tie each into a knot on the mesh. (you can run another ribbon through the top of the mesh bag to make a draw string to close the bag) Cut a long strip of ribbon. Tie each end to one corner of the top of mesh bag to make a bag strap. You now have a bag to carry your swaps in and to add swaps you receive.

# SWAP Ribbons

## Materials:

- safety pins
- fun foam sheets (aka foamies)
- felt squares
- picture (optional)
- glue stick
- hot glue

## Directions:

Step one: determine the color you want for your ribbons. The foam color and felt color should correspond with one another.

Step two: If using a picture on the front determine what the picture you want to use is. ( have picture correspond to your event, Example: International Day picture of the world with girls all around it holding hands) Computer generated pictures work great.

Step Three: Cut circles out of the fun foam (should yield 12 circles to one sheet of foam the size of a felt square). Cut felt into strips length wise. (yield five strips per felt square) Cut picture slightly smaller than foam circles.

Step Four: Using glue stick, attach picture to front of your foam circle. Then attach felt strip to back bottom of foam circle (about 3/4 inch of felt strip)

Step Five: Once you have assembled the swap ribbon, attach a safety pin to the back with hot glue. You now have a swap ribbon for your special event. The ribbons are pinned on and then any Swaps received are pinned to the felt strip of the ribbon.



# SWAP Troop Hats

## Materials:

- plain white painters cap (available at craft stores)
- fabric paint (any colors)

## Directions:

On the Flat top of the painters' cap paint a design with Fabric Paint (example: a Daisy for a Daisy troop) Each cap should have the same design. Add Troop number to front of cap or also on the top with the design. Your troop members will be easily spotted at events with these hats and they have a wonderful place to put any SWAPS they receive.

## Tatted Friendship Bracelets

This method of tatting is called Pearl Tatting. It is easy but looks pretty and different. It is made all in chains, so beads are easy to add. Thread about 20 beads onto the ball thread. Measure out about two yards of thread. Cut from the ball, make a big knot at each end so the beads can't fall off. Wind about a yard of thread onto your shuttle. The shuttle thread doesn't show. Divide the thread with the beads in half and slide half the beads onto each side. Knot the shuttle thread in the center of the bead thread.

Ring: 10 ds, close ring and rev work.

Chain: 2 ds, drop this chain thread and reverse the work. Pick up other chain thread 2ds. \* Drop this chain thread and reverse work. Pick up other chain thread, push a bead up against the last ds you made with this chain thread, 2ds. Rev Drop this chain thread and reverse work. Pick up other chain thread, push a bead up against the last ds you made with this chain thread, 2 ds. Rev work Repeat from \* to \*\* until bracelet is long enough. Don't add beads for the last two loops. Tie off work and cut threads. Sew on button and you are done. You can leave the ends as a tassel or glue down the ends or sew them into the last chains. I recently saw alphabet beads in the craft. I bet it would be fun to spell out your name. You could have your first name on one side and your last name on the other.

# Teepee

## Materials:

- tan felt or fun foam
- tooth picks
- dimensional fabric paint or markers

## Instructions:

Cut a triangle out of the felt or fun foam. Cut about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch off one corner, making it flat. Glue two toothpicks on two edges of triangle, crossing them at the flat corner. Decorate front of teepee with paint or markers. Attach a pin back.



# Tic Tac Toe Game SWAP

## Materials:

- film canister with lid
- square of fabric
- beads or buttons, 4 each of 2 different colors
- ribbon or yarn
- permanent marker

## Instructions:

With the permanent marker, draw a Tic Tac Toe board on the square of fabric. Punch hole in canister to string a ribbon through for a necklace or hot glue a pin back to the side of the canister. Put the fabric and buttons (or beads) inside for a traveling Tic Tac Toe Game.

# Tic Tac Toe Pin

## Materials:

- Craft Foam
- Plastic Canvas
- Alphabet beads
- Tacky Glue
- Jewelry Craft Pin

## Directions:

Cut a 1" square of craft foam. Cut a piece of plastic canvas to 9 squares by 9 squares. Cut off the outer border of plastic. Cut out every other cross piece to the tic tac toe board.

Glue the tic tac toe board on to the craft foam. Glue on "X" and "O" Alphabet beads. Glue pin to back.



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# Tissue Paper Pin

## Materials:

- Tissue Paper in 2 or 3 Colors
- White Glue
- Plastic Cookie Cutter
- Heavy Paper or Felt
- Pin for Jewelry Craft
- Petroleum Jelly
- Scissors
- Plastic Plate
- Disposable Bowl
- Microwave Oven
- Hot Glue Gun

## Directions:

Trace around the inside of the cookie cutter on felt or heavy paper. Cut out. Coat the inside of the cookie cutter with petroleum jelly. Place it on a plastic plate also coated with petroleum jelly. Fit the cut out shape inside the cookie cutter pushed down to the bottom. In a disposable bowl, dilute white glue with an equal amount of water. Tear tissue paper into 1" squares. Dip each piece into the glue solution and crumple up into a tight ball. Tightly arrange crumpled pieces in a single layer at the bottom of the cookie cutter, pressing it flat with your finger tip. Microwave for one or two minutes on high. Let cool. Pop out of mold. Tissue paper is now permanently adhered to cut out shape. Let dry overnight. Tissue paper will be very hard. Glue pin onto back.



# Toasted Marshmallow SWAP

## Materials:

- Twig
- White pony bead
- Glue
- Safety pin

## Directions:

Glue the pony bead on one end of the twig. Glue safety pin on the long side of the twig. Markers can be used to make the "marshmallow" look more realistic, or tan or even charcoal gray beads can be used.

## Toilet Brush SWAP

### Materials:

- plastic coffee stirrers
- pipe cleaners
- safety pins

### Instructions:

Cut coffee stirrers into 1-inch pieces. Cut pipe cleaner into 1-inch pieces. Bend pipe cleaner into a U-shape and insert both ends into the stirrer. Attach the safety pin to the other end.





# Toilet Paper Roll

## Materials:

- plastic drinking straw
- white felt
- wire or pipe cleaner

## Instructions:

Cut straws in 1-inch strips. Glue 1-inch piece of felt around straw. Run pipe cleaner or wire through center of straw and through the hole at the back of a safety pin for hanging.



# Tourist SWAP

## Materials:

- miniature size (about 1 1/2" x 2 1/4") playing cards that have a scene of your city (this only works if you live in an area frequented by tourists). Most major cities have these in the "tourist trap" stores. In the Washington D.C. area, I've bought these at Hallmark stores, large pharmacies (Rite-Aid, CVS), and downtown. Cost: approx \$1.75 for 52-54 cards.
- clear Contact paper or laminating machine
- colored paper, cut in the same size as your playing card

## Instructions:

Print or write your troop information or whatever you want on the colored paper, cut the same size as the playing card. This will cover up the playing card-side of the card. Laminate the two together, stick a safety pin through. You now have a cute tourist "picture" of your area on one side, your swap/troop info on the other.

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# Trefoil SWAP

## Materials:

- film canister lids
- cardboard
- blue and yellow felt
- glue
- safety pin

## Instructions:

Take the left over lids of film canisters, and using cardboard as a template, make a trefoil out of felt and glue to inside of lid. You can glue in a circle of blue felt and cut out a yellow felt trefoil. They can also be made with four leafed clovers and covered with clear plastic.

# Troop Number SWAP

## Materials:

- Craft Foam
- Number Beads
- Tacky Glue
- Jewelry Craft Pin
- Hemp
- Wooden Beads

## Directions:

Cut a trefoil out of craft foam. Glue troop numbers on to trefoil. Decorate with hemp and beads. Glue pin to back.



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## Try-Its or Badges

### Materials:

- felt or fun foam
- Scribbles paint

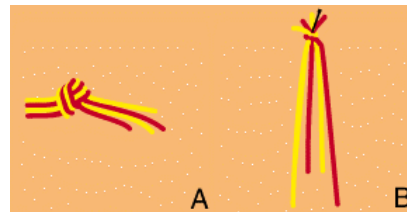
### Instructions:

Cut the felt or fun foam into the shape of the Try-It or badge. Make designs on it with the paint, then attach a pin back.

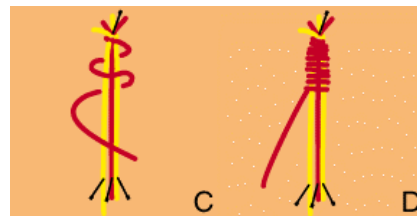
# Twisted Knot Bracelet

(red and yellow)

First select two colors for bracelet. Cut one 22" piece and one 36" piece of each color. (You should wind up with four strings; two long, two short) For our example we used red and yellow. Lay your strings with ends matching and colors separated. (yellow, red, yellow, red) The two longest strings should be on the outsides and the two shorter strings in the center. At the end that all the strings match up evenly, tie all four strings into one big knot (much like tying a balloon.) See illustration A. Using a straight pin, pin the strings by the knot to the end of the foam core (B).

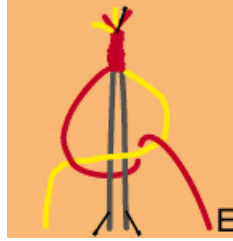


Then select one of the longest strings on the outside and pull a little to the side to separate it (we chose the longest red string). Take the remaining three strings pulling them gently down to make taut but not extremely tight and secure each string with its own pin to the board. Then take the string you pulled off to the side and beginning winding it gently around the other three strings. (C & D) As you wind you want it to cover the strings underneath if the strings underneath are showing through you can push the already wound string up and closer to each other to close the gaps. Don't wind too tight or too loose. Keep winding until the total length of the wound up area is about 1-1/4".



Again, pull the long string you were winding off to the side and unpin the other three. The two longest strings should again be on the outside and the shorter ones in the middle. Take the shorter strings in the center and again pull them gently down to make taut but not extremely tight and secure each string with its own pin to the board.

You may have to tighten up the end of the string that we wound around the end of the bracelet before making your first knot. To begin your first knot take the long string to the outside right (ours is yellow) and cross it over the center strings (E) take the other long string (ours is red) bring it over the yellow string and behind the two pinned strings and up through the yellow string again (basically tying a knot). Keep continuing with this same exact knot over and over again. As you go along the bracelet will begin to twist and you might want to let it twist fully around when it does this to make knotting easier. Keep tying knots until the total length of just the knotted area is about 7".



At this point select the same string that you originally did the winding at the top of the bracelet with and lay to the side. Select the other three strings pulling them gently down to make taut but not extremely tight and secure each string with its own pin to the board. Again wrap the string around the bracelet as you did at the top for a length of about 1-1/3". Unpin strings, being sure not to let the string you just wrapped unwind and make a knot like you did to start of the bracelet with. Take the pin out that is holding the top of the bracelet and trim both ends to about 1/8" to 1/4" from knot.

Wear it yourself or give to a friend.