

# Project Accessory:

## Space Edition

*“Makers gonna make!”*

**What is Project Accessory all about?** Project Accessory is a Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania challenge designed to encourage and inspire Girl Scouts to be creative, resourceful, and have fun!

Do you have what it takes to be an accessory designer? Do you love to make, create, and design? Daisy through Ambassador Girl Scouts can create something unique to showcase their individual talent. Throughout this challenge, girls will get to design and make their very own accessories.

What type of accessory? That’s up to YOU! It can be a necklace, earrings, a purse, or any other type of accessory you love. Girls can earn as many of the design challenge patches as they would like. Is this your first year participating in the challenge? Grab the main Project Accessory patch for the centerpiece of all your patches!

### How the challenge works:

1. The Project Accessory challenge runs from March 1-April 30, 2024.
2. Choose the design challenge(s) you wish to participate in. Are you a go-getter? Complete as many design challenges as you want! Fill out the online registration for the design challenge(s) you complete to receive the patch(es). The main Project Accessory patch is \$5, and each design challenge patch is \$3.
3. Patches will be mailed out by the end of May 2024.

### Materials/Resources Needed:

1. Take to the internet! Pinterest, YouTube, blogs, and fashion websites can be great ways to gain ideas and inspiration.
2. Go window shopping! Take a trip to the mall or visit accessory boutiques and locally-owned shops.
3. Visit your local library or bookstore. There are a lot of magazines and books available on making and designing accessories that can help lead the way.
4. With the help of an adult, talk to a professional. Meet with a teacher, local artist, STEM professional, or someone who makes or sells accessories. Ask them how they create their designs, tips and tricks they could share, how they learned to make accessories, and any advice they can give to help you complete the design challenge.
5. Depending on the design challenge(s) you decide to complete, gather the necessary materials to complete your design(s). For basic materials and supplies, check out Michael’s, Jo-Ann Fabrics, A.C. Moore, Hobby Lobby, Walmart, or your local craft store. For more unique materials, think outside the box—visit a hardware store, dollar store, Goodwill, Salvation Army store, or flea market.



## Design Challenge Options:

We are bringing back our most popular design challenges from previous years plus three new space-themed design challenges for 2024! Participants can choose from any of the five design challenges but must create a separate accessory for each design challenge.

### Past Challenges:



**Be Yourself (snowflake):** Each snowflake is unique, just like each accessory you make. In this design challenge, you need to create a line of accessories that are each unique in their own beautiful way!

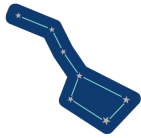


**Warm Up (mug):** Nothing is better than a warm cup of hot cocoa after playing in the snow! In this design challenge, you need to create an accessory to help you warm up after a chilly outdoor adventure.

### Space Design Challenges:



**Solar System:** In this design challenge, you will create an accessory that represents our solar system. You can design an accessory that represents one part of the solar system or more. Items to include could be planets, moons, asteroids, comets, the sun, or dwarf planets.



**Constellations:** In this design challenge, you will create an accessory that represents the story of a constellation. Constellations are a group of stars that make an imaginary shape in the sky. Constellations have a deep history and have been used to tell stories throughout time. You can pick any constellation in the sky or create your own. Incorporate elements of the constellation into your accessory.



**To the Moon:** In this design challenge, you will create an accessory inspired by the Moon. You could explore craters, spaceships that take people to the Moon, or moons on other planets—the possibilities are endless!

*For EACH design challenge, complete the following steps:*

### Step 1

**DISCOVER:** Learn about accessory design, including balance, design elements, styles, and materials.

The design process can be fun and can allow you to let your creativity run wild!

1. Ask yourself what type of accessory you want to make—a bracelet, a necklace, a purse, or something else.
2. Grab a pencil and start to write down or sketch out some initial accessory ideas. What will it look like? When and where would it be worn? What will it be made of? Who will use it?
3. Hit the library or take to the internet and research ideas for the design challenge you have chosen. Watch videos, read blogs, and take notes from accessory-making guides as you plan out how to bring your design idea to life!

## Step 2

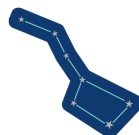
**CONNECT:** Talk to local designers, artisans, and professionals whose expertise will help with the style of accessory you're designing.

1. With help from an adult, contact local artists and designers to talk to them about their design methods and techniques. Keep in mind that the professional you choose to contact may not be a traditional artisan—think outside of the box!
2. Visit a local accessory store or shop and ask the owner how they decide what pieces to sell. Describe your design challenge and ask if an accessory like the one you plan to make would be of interest to them.
3. Take all the information you have gathered to create a vision or design board. Cut out and/or draw pictures and diagrams, color or paint the board, and make notations that can help bring your creation to life!

## Step 3

**TAKE ACTION:** Begin creating your incredibly unique accessory!

1. Start creating! Gather the materials needed and begin to make your accessory. Remember that you may need to tweak your design here and there before you feel it's finished.
2. Wear your accessory or gift it to someone else! Snap some pics and/or make a short video featuring your accessory!
3. If you haven't already, complete registration for Project Accessory at [gswpa.org/activities](https://gswpa.org/activities). The challenge deadline is April 30, 2024.



### All done? CONGRATULATIONS!

You've completed all the necessary steps to earn the Project Accessory challenge. Patches will be mailed out by the end of May 2024.

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