



Project Accessory: Cookie Edition Fun Challenge

“Makers gonna make!”

What is Project Accessory all about? Project accessory is a Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania challenge designed to encourage and inspire girls 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 Friday, Jan. 7-Friday, March 25, 2022.
2. Choose the challenge(s) you wish to participate in. Fill out the online registration for the challenge(s) you chose. Are you a go-getter? Complete as many challenges as you want! The main Project Accessory patch is \$4.00, and each design challenge patch is \$2.00.
3. Patches will be mailed out by the end of April 2022.

Research and Resources:

1. Take to the internet (with the help of an adult). 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, and while maintaining social distance, 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 challenge.
5. Depending on the challenge(s) you decide to complete, gather the necessary materials to complete your design(s). For basic materials, check out Michael’s, Jo-Ann Fabrics, A.C. Moore, Hobby Lobby, Walmart, or your local craft store. For more challenging elements, think outside the box—visit a hardware store, dollar store, Goodwill, Salvation Army store, or flea market.



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Design Challenge Options:

We are bringing back one challenge from each of our previous years plus three new challenges for 2020! Participants can choose from any of the five challenges but must create a separate accessory for each challenge.

Past Challenges:



Duct Tape: This challenge requires you to think outside the box. Designs in this category should be made mostly of duct tape. Options for the duct tape accessory category will set your creative side free!



History: Fashion trends have changed so much over time! Research fashion from another era. Create an accessory that someone from that time would like to wear. From the 1920s to Ancient Greece, and so much more—the possibilities are endless!

2022 Challenges:



Adventurefuls: New to the Girl Scout Cookie lineup, and new to the challenge—this year only, complete the Adventurefuls challenge. You'll create an accessory inspired by the cookie—Adventurefuls! You could make an Adventurefuls-themed earring set, necklace, ring, belt, or an accessory to get you ready for your next adventure.



Cookie Packaging: Upcycle your cookie boxes and packaging. Create an accessory holder out of a cookie box, package, or case. The holder should be primarily made from cookie packaging. Once made, put it to use!



Cookie Colors: Each Girl Scout Cookie has its own color. Use the Girl Scout Cookie colors to inspire your next line of accessories. For this challenge, incorporate two or more cookie colors into your accessory.

Thin Mints = Green
Tagalongs = Red
Samoas = Purple

Do-si-dos = Orange
Lemon-Ups = Yellow
Adventurefuls = Tan

S'mores = Brown
Trefoils = Blue
Toffee-tastics = Teal

For EACH design challenge, complete the following steps:

Step 1

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

1. Ask yourself what type of accessory you want to make—a bracelet, a necklace, a purse, 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've chosen for this challenge.

1. With help from an adult, contact local artists and designers to talk to them about their design methods and techniques. Keep in mind, the professional you choose to contact may not be a traditional artisan—think outside the box!
2. Visit a local accessory store or shop in-store or online and ask the owner how they decide what pieces to sell. Describe your 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 alive!

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 design or gift it to someone else! Snap some pics and/or make a short video featuring your design.
3. If you haven't already, complete registration for Project Accessory at gswpa.org/activities. The challenge deadline is Friday, March 25.



All done? CONGRATULATIONS!

You've completed all the necessary steps to earn the Project Accessory patch(s).