

Project Accessory: Winter Wonderland Edition

“Makers gonna make!”

What is Project Accessory all about? Project Accessory is a Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania activity designed to encourage and inspire you 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—you can create something unique to showcase your individual talent. Throughout this activity, you will get to design and make your 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. You will have your choice of five different design challenges—each with its own custom patch You can earn as many of the design challenge patches as you would like. Is this your first year participating in Project Accessory? Grab the main GSWPA Project Accessory patch for the centerpiece of all your design challenge patches!

How the challenge works:

1. Project Accessory: Winter Wonderland runs all winter long! It starts on Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022, and ends on Monday, March 20, 2023.
2. Choose the design challenge(s) you wish to participate in. Fill out the online registration for the design challenge(s) you choose at gswpa.org/activities. Are you a go-getter? Complete all the design challenges. The main GSWPA Project Accessory patch is \$4, and each design challenge patch is \$2.
3. Patches will be mailed out by the end of April 2023.

Research and 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 your chosen design challenge(s).
5. Depending on the design challenge(s) you decide to complete, gather the necessary materials to complete your design(s). For basic materials supplies, check out Michael’s, Jo-Ann Fabrics, A.C. Moore, Hobby Lobby, Walmart, or your local craft store. For more unique material supplies, think outside the box—visit a hardware store, a dollar store, Goodwill, a Salvation Army store, or a flea market.



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Design Challenge Options:

We are bringing back our most popular design challenges from last year, plus three new winter wonderland-inspired design challenges! Participants can choose from any of the five design challenges but must create a separate accessory for each one.

Past Challenges:



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

Winter Wonderland Design Challenges:



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



Bundle Up (mittens): This challenge is all about giving back to your community and helping those in need. In this challenge, you need to create an accessory to give to someone else. With the help of your adult, gift your accessory to someone or find somewhere to donate your accessory.



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

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 with the help of an adult and research ideas for the design challenge(s) 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, the professional you choose to contact may not be a traditional artisan—think outside the box!
2. Visit a local accessory store or shop 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/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: Winter Wonderland at gswpa.org/ activities. The challenge deadline is Monday, March 20.



All done? CONGRATULATIONS!

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