

# ST. GEORGE'S DAY

## ACTIVITIES

### Welcome to our St. George's Day themed activity pack!

St. George's Day is celebrated annually on the 23rd April. St. George is both the Patron Saint of England and Scouting, so this is a really important day for Scouts!

The Avon County Youth Team have prepared a series of activities that you can do either at home or with your section to help celebrate St. George's Day. Each activity contains: a list of resources needed, a list of other badges that the activity links to, and step-by-step instructions.

### Social Distancing Disclaimer

Any activity undertaken face-to-face needs to comply with current social distancing guidelines and the current advice and readiness level from Scouts UK. Any face-to-face activities must have an associated risk assessment, and be undertaken in compliance with Covid-19 regulations.

If you'd like to provide any feedback on this activity, please email the Avon County Youth Team at [avoncountyyouthteam@gmail.com](mailto:avoncountyyouthteam@gmail.com).

# ST. GEORGE'S DAY

## ACTIVITIES

### AFTERNOON TEA

Afternoon Tea is an English tradition that dates back to the 1800s. During afternoon tea, people get together and eat lots of yummy cakes and of course, drink lots of tea! To celebrate St George's Day, why not make some scones to have for your very own afternoon tea!

**This activity works toward the following badges:**

- Beavers Cook Activity Badge
- Cubs Chef Activity Badge
- Brownies Baking Badge

**You will need:**

- 200grams Self raising flour
- 50 grams of butter or margarine
- 25 grams caster sugar
- 125 ml of milk
- (If you would like fruit scones add 25-50 grams of sultanas with sugar.)
- Jam and whipped or clotted cream, to serve

**Instructions:**

1. Ask an adult to turn on the oven to 220C or Gas mark 8.
2. Rub the butter finely into the flour.
3. Add sugar (and fruit if using) .
4. Add milk and mix to a soft but not sticky dough.
5. Turn out onto a lightly floured board. Knead gently until smooth.
6. Roll to about 1cm thick. Using a cutter, cut into rounds.
7. You may need to collect up the spare dough and repeat step 6.
8. Transfer to a baking tray covered with non-stick greaseproof paper.

9. Bake towards the top of the oven for 7-10 minutes until well risen and golden. Ask an adult to help you.
10. Cool on a wire rack.
11. Serve fresh with cream (clotted or thick whipped) and jam or butter and jam.
12. Make sure you wash up and tidy away at the end!

# ST. GEORGE'S DAY

## ACTIVITIES

### AGATHA QUIZTIE

To help raise awareness of the top awards you can earn through Scouting.

#### Virtual and Face to Face activities:

For this activity you will need to use Google Maps so can be run either through Zoom; can be done face to face in small groups with access to the internet, or can be done on your own with an adult (if needed).

- ☐ Have a copy of the Agatha Quiztie worksheet.
- ☐ Follow the clues to locations around our County via Google Maps. You will need to use Street View, 360 locations and sometimes Street View Photos.
- ☐ Once all of the locations have been visited and the answers found, use the letters in the 'Your Letter' column to solve the final puzzle.

#### IMPORTANT

All of the destinations have been checked via Google Maps so if you cannot find the answer straight away you may need to have a re-think – what are you doing wrong? What could you do differently?

To see the answers or if one of the groups gets stuck there is a cheat sheet you can use to help them out!

**If you are a member of Girlguiding, you could change the clues in the Agatha Quiztie worksheet to reflect the Gold Awards and Queen's Guide Award.**



# AGATHA QUIZTIE – WORK SHEET

## Introduction:

Can you reach the top? From turning age 6 and joining Beavers, to turning 25 and leaving Network, we all do a huge range of activities each week - helping our local area, learning new skills and earning a lot of badges!

In each Scouting section we aim to earn the Top Awards. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers have their Chief Scout awards and Explorers and Network members can also become Queen Scouts.

In Girlguiding, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers can earn their Gold Award for their section and Senior Section members can become Queen's Guides.

Can you work through these challenges to explore the different parts of the awards? Each clue is related to one of the 8 Scouting Challenge badges you need to earn to get your Chief Scouts Award in each section.

## The Challenge:

Using the clues for each Challenge badge, use Google Maps to travel to the mystery locations around the County. Using Arial View, Street View, 360 locations and Street View images, find the answer to the clue and then using the 'Letter needed' column take that selected letter and save it for later to help you solve the final clue.

All of the destinations have been checked and the answers are all there. If you cannot find the answer, have a rethink - what are you doing wrong? What could you do differently? If you do need to go to ground level, always search through the 360/Street view photos; sometimes you can even move between the photos.

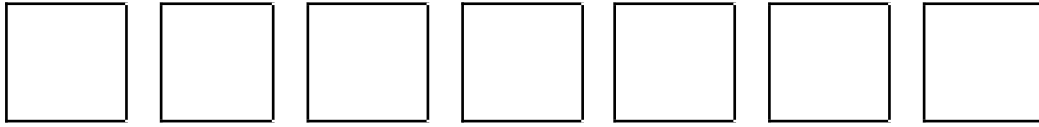
**Good Luck!**



	Clue	Answer	Letter Needed	Selected Letter
Skills	At the entrance to We The Curious is a map that could help you with a physical activity for your skill. What does it show?		Word 1 Letter 5	
Outdoors	In 2022 Avon Adventure will take place at the North Somerset Showground near Tyntesfield. We will definitely want to have a few campfires, and handily there is an advert for logs & charcoal opposite the entrance! Where can we buy them from?		Word 2 Letter 2	
Adventure	For the adventure challenge, we go out and complete lots of exciting adventurous challenges. Did you know you can climb the rigging at the SS Great Britain? If you find yourself on the deck at the front of the boat, there is a bell – what does it say on the bell?		Word 2 Last Letter	
Personal	This part of the Chief Scout Award is very personal to each of us. There is a monument by the Sainsburys Local on Westerleigh Road that commemorates the personal sacrifice of a number of local Scouts who died in the First		Place name Letter 3	

	World War. Which Troop has one of the few Scouting war memorials in the country?			
Teamwork	Avon is home to many great sports teams, who work together to achieve their goals – just like Scouts do! Head over to Paulton Rovers. What colour is the bin on the decking by the entrance?		Colour Letter 2	
Team Leader	Which local leader 'lives' at the Mansion House in Clifton?		First Word Last Letter	
Creative	Probably the most famous local artist has to be Banksy. His art can be found across the country and across the world. In 2015 he took over the Tropicana on Weston-Super-Mare seafront to create Dismaland. Can you drop into Dismaland and find the giant word written above the exit?		There is only 1 word Letter 4	

World	For the World Challenge Award we find out about the worldwide family of Scouts and can even make friends with Scouts in other countries. Around the world, there are awards presented to the highest achieving Scouts, for reaching the top. In the US, the highest award you can achieve is an Eagle Scout. In South Africa you earn the Springbok Scout Award and in the UK you become a Queen's Scout. Can you take a look at the letters you have picked out from the other clues to find where you are presented this award?
-------	---





# AGATHA QUIZTIE – CHEAT SHEET

	Clue	Answer	Letter Needed	Selected Letter
Skills	We The Curious	National Cycle Network	Word 1 Letter 5	O
Outdoors	Place Selling Charcoal	Belmont Estate	Word 2 Letter 2	S
Adventure	What does it say on the SS Great Britain bell?	Great Britain	Word 2 Last Letter	N
Personal	Which Troop has one of the few Scouting war memorials in the country?	1 <sup>st</sup> Downend Troop	Place name Letter 3	W
Teamwork	What colour is the bin at Paulton Rovers?	Green	Colour Letter 2	R
Team Leader	Which local leader 'lives' at the Mansion House in Clifton?	Lord Mayor	First Word Last Letter	D
Creative	Word above exit to Dismaland?	Mediocre	There is only 1 word Letter 4	I

World	Anagram
-------	---------

W

I

N

D

S

O

R



Skills



Outdoors



Adventure



Personal



Teamwork



Creative

# ST. GEORGE'S DAY

## ACTIVITIES

### CREATE YOUR OWN DRAGON

The legend of St George tells us that he was a hero! St George is said to have slain a dragon in order to save the King of Egypt's daughter. For this activity, you will need to use your imagination to create your own Dragon.

**This activity works towards the following badges:**

- Beavers Creative Activity Badge
- Cubs Artist Activity Badge
- Brownies Inventing Badge

**You will need:**

- Imagination
- Pens or Pencils (if you're drawing your dragon)
- Paper
- Household Items
- Junk (if you're making a junk model)
- Drawing Software like Paint (if you're making your dragon on the Computer)

**What to do:**

Use your imagination to draw/create a dragon (don't forget about the fire).

Once completed, take a photo of your creation and show everyone your dragon. Don't forget to give it a name!

**Take it Further:**

- Create a story using your dragon
- Explain all the secret powers your dragon will have.

# ST. GEORGE'S DAY

## ACTIVITIES

### CREATE YOUR OWN HERO

The legend of St George tells us that he was a hero! St George is said to have slain a dragon in order to save the King of Egypt's daughter. He is widely regarded as a hero. This activity encourages you to create your own legendary hero!

**This activity works toward the following badges:**

- Scouts Entertainer Activity Badge
- Beavers Creative Activity Badge
- Cubs and Scouts Artist Activity Badge
- Scouts Writer Activity Badge
- Explorers Creative Arts Activity Badge
- Digital Maker Badge - Stage 1 (if completed on a computer)
- Brownies Performing Badge

**You will need:**

- Pens or pencils
- Paper
- Online drawing software (if not using pen and paper)

**Instructions:**

Start sketching an outline of their character. Think about what the character will look like – are they tall or small? What do their arms and legs look like?

1. Next it's time to think about what the characters are like – are they a warrior? Do you want them to do magic? Are they a bit of a trickster or do they love the natural world? You should think about how their character might dress and add some more details to your drawing.
2. Now, you should decide some things that they're good at – are they strong, wise, or charismatic? You can add as many details as you want here, maybe they're a whizz at



languages or love to paint. Add some words or images to the left hand side of the page to represent your ideas.

3. Think of some things that they're not so good at as well – maybe they're not very intelligent or they're slow and not very agile. Maybe they're clumsy or have bad table manners. This time, you should add some words or images to the right hand side of the page to represent these ideas.
4. You should spend a couple of minutes thinking about what motivates your character. What things do they care about and why are they joining your adventure? Maybe they're just hunting for treasure, or wanting to spend some time with their friends.
5. Finally give your character a name! Add it to the top of your drawing.

**Take it further:**

- Chat to friends in your section who have also completed this activity and talk about your heroes.
- Write a short story about your hero.
- Create a short animation featuring your hero.
- Draw a comic about your hero.

# ST. GEORGE'S DAY

## ACTIVITIES

### LEAF ROYALTY

The UK's largest St George's Day parade takes place every year at Windsor Castle. At least one member of the Royal Family is in attendance at the parade and takes the time to meet every Scout who has earned their Queen's Scout Award and is being celebrated at the parade.

To get in the St George's Day spirit, why not make your own crown (but with a scouty twist!)

**This activity works towards the following badges:**

- Beavers My Outdoor Challenge Award
- Beavers My Adventure Challenge Award
- Beavers Creative Activity Badge
- Cubs Artist Activity Badge
- Cubs and Scouts Naturalist Activity Badge

**You will need:**

- Scissors
- Double sided sticky tape
- Natural materials (for example, leaves, twigs, feathers)
- Paper (green or brown works best)

**Instructions:**

1. Plan how you'll collect leaves. It's easy if you have access to trees nearby; if you don't, you could visit a park or woodland area.
2. Make the base of your crown by cutting a strip of paper that's long enough to fit around your head and around 8cm wide.
3. Get a small piece of double sided sticky tape, double check that their crown fits your head, then use the tape to stick the ends together to make a loop of card.
4. Get a piece of double sided sticky tape that's long enough to go around the whole crown. Peel the paper off one side, and stick the tape around their crown.



5. Peel the paper off the double sided sticky tape they stuck to their crown in step four.
6. Stick the leaves onto your crown! Get creative, pushing the leaves onto the tape until they stick.

# ST. GEORGE'S DAY

## ACTIVITIES

### LIGHT OF THE WORLD

The National St George's Day Parade takes place at Windsor Castle on the Sunday nearest to St George's Day. As part of that parade, there is a ceremony in Windsor Chapel where people can reflect on their faith and their Scouting journey. Many Christian ceremonies use candles as a symbol of celebration, memorial or reflection.

Lights and candles are used in lots of religious festivals around the world including: Diwali, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. Lights are also used symbolically during prayer and worship in many other faiths. This activity resource explores the faiths of your young people and those around them through the use of light, and understanding their significance in various faiths.

**This activity works towards the following badges:**

- Beavers World Challenge Badge
- Beavers Personal and Teamwork Challenge Badge
- Cubs My Faith and World Faiths Activity Badge
- Cubs Photographer, Artist and Fire Safety Activity Badge

#### Activity One - Shine!

**Time: 45 minutes**

**Preparation:** Discuss religious stories that involve light, and why light is significant and symbolic in some faiths.

**Equipment:**

- ☐ Candles or tealights
- ☐ Empty, clean jars
- ☐ Glass-writing pens
- ☐ Matches

**Instructions:**

1. Think about your own faith, or the faith of those around you e.g. at cubs, school etc.
2. Discuss, with your family or members of your section, the kinds of words or images associated with that faith.
3. Decorate your jar with words and pictures about your own faith or faith you're

interested in.

4. Get a tealight or candle to put inside their jar, and light it. Then, turn off the lights and get your pack to sit on the floor with your candle in front of you.
5. Share one thing you've written/drawn on your jar and why that represents your chosen faith.
6. If you're in a group, renew your scout promise together, with each person choosing their own version for their faith.

### Take it Further:

You could give a reading or prayer by candlelight as part of your My Faith activity badge. You could also make the candles yourselves using coloured wax, or carve the candles.



### Activity Two - Lights, Camera, Action!

**Time: 30 minutes minimum**

**Preparation:** Discuss religious stories that involve light, and why light is significant and symbolic in some faiths.

#### Equipment:

- ☐ Camera with adjustable aperture
- ☐ Tripod
- ☐ Flipchart paper and pens
- ☐ Torches or sparklers
- ☐ Somewhere dark

#### Instructions:

1. Write down words associated with faith on a piece of flipchart paper.
2. If you're in a group, get each person to present their top word, and explain to the rest of the group why this word was their top word and get the group to vote on which of the top words from each person best describes faith.
3. Go to a dark place (either outside in the evening, or inside with all the lights off). Get a number of volunteers (Cubs, family or friends) equal to the number of

letters in the word they voted for. If you didn't vote, pick your favourite word!

4. Give every volunteer a torch or sparkler and assign each of them a letter from the chosen word.
5. Set the camera's shutter speed to 30 seconds and the aperture to f/5.6. Get the volunteers to stand still, and turn on their torches/light their sparklers.
6. Countdown from three, then get the volunteers to trace their letters again and again for 30 seconds whilst standing still. Then you should have a light painting of that word! You can repeat this with other words.



# ST. GEORGE'S DAY

## ACTIVITIES

### MAP MY DRAGON

**This activity works towards the following badges:**

- Digital Maker Staged Badge
- Navigator Staged Badge
- Brownies Local History Badge

**Equipment needed:**

- **EITHER** - GPS Tracker **OR** Mobile phone with GPS or tracking app installed
- Recommended Apps: **MapMyWalk/MapMyRun** or **Strava**
- A map of your local area.

**What to do:**

Grab your map and find yourself some open area. When you're ready get kitted up and head out with your tracker/phone. Once you've got to your starting point, start your tracker. Your challenge is to draw a dragon by walking around and tracking your movements. Once you've finished drawing/tracing your dragon, save your route and share with your section.

**Take it further:**

If you fancy a real challenge take some time before heading out and look at your map in detail. Try and draw a dragon using local streets and roads around you. Once you've got a route set, head out and track and share your route and see how good the dragon looks in real life!



# ST. GEORGE'S DAY

## ACTIVITIES

### PROMISE HANDS

During St George's Day celebrations, Scouts will usually renew their promise. You will have made your promise when you joined your section. This activity will help you remember your promise read for the renewal!

**This activity works towards the following badges:**

- Beavers and Cubs My World Challenge Badge
- Beavers My Personal Challenge Badge

**You will need:**

- A4 paper
- Coloured pens or pencils
- Scissors
- A copy of the Scout Promise for your section

**Instructions:**

**Note:** These instructions use the Beaver promise. For other promises, write each line of the promise on different fingers and areas of the hands.

1. Draw around both of your hands on a piece of paper, and then cut the hands out.
2. Write 'I promise to do my best' on the index (pointer) finger of one of their paper hands.  
You should start at the bottom of the finger or hand, so there's enough space.
3. Write 'to be kind and helpful' on the middle finger of the same paper hand.
4. Write the last line of their Promise on the ring finger of the same paper hand.
5. Write or draw five good deeds you'll do on your other paper hand, one on each finger.  
At least one of your good deeds should be based on your Promise.
6. Decorate your paper hands and show them off!



# ST. GEORGE'S DAY

## ACTIVITIES

### SCOUT SHIELDS

To find out what the young people think of their section/patrol, what their favourite activity is and what activities they would like to try in the future.

#### Virtual Group Activity:

This activity can be run via Zoom but each young person will need their own sheet of paper and colouring equipment. Alternatively, you could create a section shield using the Whiteboard feature.

- ☐ Ask each young person to sketch a shield onto their paper. There is no specific shape needed so they can be a bit creative.
- ☐ Then, ask them to divide that shield into three parts/segments. In one third of the shield, they should create an emblem and motto for their section/patrol. In another third, they should draw something to represent an activity they have enjoyed so far. In the final third, they should draw something to represent an activity they would like to try in the future.
- ☐ As a section/patrol they should then discuss how they could help make their chosen activities happen.

#### Face-to-face / At home:

You will need your own piece of paper and colouring equipment.

- ☐ Sketch a shield onto your piece of paper. There is no specific shape needed so you can be a bit creative!
- ☐ Divide that shield into three parts/segments.
- ☐ In one third of the shield, you should create an emblem and motto for your section/patrol. In another third, you should draw something to represent an activity you have enjoyed so far in your section. In the final third, you should draw something to represent an activity you would like to try in the future.
- ☐ Discuss, with your section or family, how you could all help make their chosen activities happen.

### **Variations:**

You could change this activity up in many ways, why not try;

- Adding more segments to the shields
- Change the topics of the segments
- Create one big shield with each young person having one segment each

There are lots of different variations you can use, feel free to add your own!

### **Original Activity:**

We have recommended this activity as it's good fun and great for getting individual feedback. The original activity is from the Youth Shaped Postcards resource.

# ST. GEORGE'S DAY

## ACTIVITIES

### SEW MANY FLAGS, SO LITTLE TIME

Did you know the English flag contains St George's cross? Flags are a really important part of any St George's Day celebrations. This activity teaches you how to create a flag for your patrol!

**This activity works towards the following badges:**

- Scouts Craft Activity Badge
- Scouts Creative Challenge Award

**You will need:**

- Pens or pencils
- Scissors
- Rulers
- Needle and thread
- Pins
- Fabrics, various colours depending on designs (you can repurpose old clothes!)
- 1m of cord
- Chalk

**Instructions:**

1. Create a design for your flag. It should ideally be rectangular. The design can be as simple or complex as you like, but should be about your patrol.
2. Draw the outline of the flag. The flag may be any shape, though a triangle of 40cm from point to base usually works best. Have a look at the fabrics available and choose the colours you'll be using on their flag.
3. Cut out the templates of your designs. If the flag is going to be more than one colour, it may be easier to cut the cut-out into its different coloured parts (such as a red side and a blue side), so that you can pin them to the different fabrics.

4. Use the scissors to cut a suitable length of fabric. Place your templates on the chosen fabric and draw around them with chalk.
5. Cut out their fabric pieces and pin them together.
6. If there's a choice of thread colours, choose something you like. You may wish to pick the same colour as your fabric, to hide the stitching, or something that makes the stitching stand out. Thread your needles with a suitable amount of thread.
7. Follow the images on the 'illustrated instructions' sheet to sew your flag pieces together with their needles and thread. You may remove their pins as you do so. You should use a 'back stitch,' as this is neat and secure.
8. When the flag is sewn, get your cord. Ideally, the cord should be three times the length of the pole-side of the flag. With pins, attach the middle third of the cord to the pole-side of the flag, taking care to leave the same length of excess cord on both ends.
9. With needle and thread, stitch the cord into place, removing the pins as you go. The cord can then be tied to a rope or pole, allowing the flag to be flown.

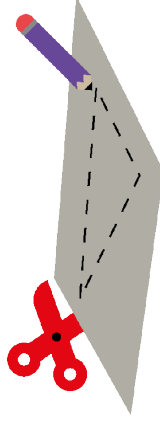
# Illustrated instructions

Follow these simple steps to sew a flag for your Patrol.



# Scouts

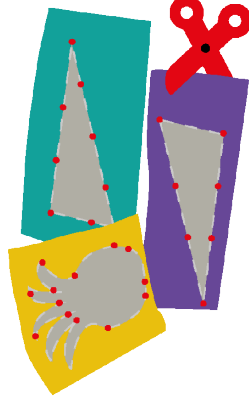
**1.** Draw and cut out your templates from paper or card.



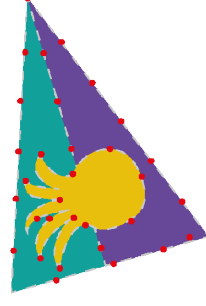
**2.** Create templates for each part and colour you will use.



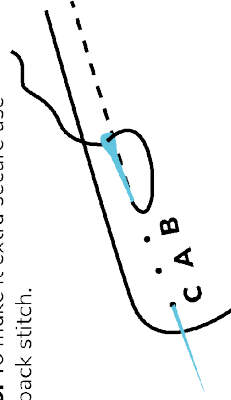
**3.** Pin the templates to the fabrics you will use and carefully cut them out



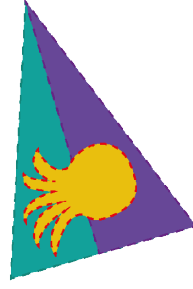
**4.** Layer and pin your fabric pieces ready to sew.



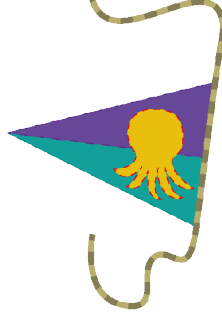
**5.** To make it extra secure use back stitch.



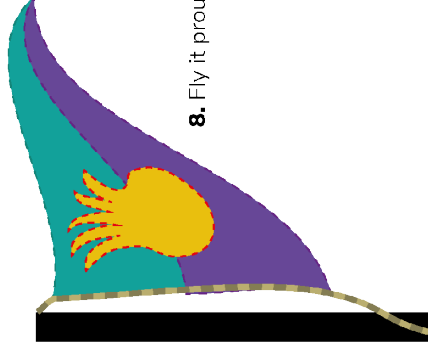
**6.** Stitch your fabric layers together either using matching or contrasting thread.



**7.** Stick a strip of cord or fabric onto the back of the flag to help tie it to things.



**8.** Fly it proudly!



# ST. GEORGE'S DAY

## ACTIVITIES

### ST GEORGE'S DAY BISCUITS

The flag of England is St George's Cross. To celebrate St George's day, decorate your very own biscuits to make them look like England's flag!

**This activity works toward the following badges:**

- Beavers Cook Activity Badge
- Cubs Chef Activity Badge
- Brownies Baking Badge

**You will need:**

- Biscuits (ideally rectangular, but digestives will do fine!)
- Icing sugar
- Red icing pens, red food colouring or red fruit winders

**Instructions:**

1. Sieve some icing sugar into a bowl, and mix it with water to form icing. The amount of icing you'll need will vary with the number of biscuits you want to decorate. Make sure the icing isn't too runny! This icing will cover the whole biscuit.
2. Cover your biscuits in white icing and leave them to the side to set. You can put them in the fridge to cool faster!
3. Prepare your red icing. This will make the cross of the flag. If you are using pre-made icing pens, you don't need to do anything here. If you are using red food colouring, use the icing sugar and water to make a thick icing and then add in a few drops of red food colouring, then leave it in a bowl to one side. If you are using fruit winders, cut them into two thin strips.
4. When your white icing has set, use your red icing or fruit winders to make a red cross so that the biscuit looks like the flag!
5. Enjoy your yummy biscuits!



# ST. GEORGE'S DAY

## ACTIVITIES

### TO FOLDLY GO

When Scouts celebrate St George's Day, it's important to ensure that everyone is wearing their uniform and is looking their best. In this activity, you'll be making a Scout uniform out of origami!

**This activity works towards the following badges:**

- Beavers, Cubs and Scouts International Activity Badge
- Scouts Creative Challenge Award
- Beavers Creative Activity Badge
- Cubs and Scouts Artist Activity Badge

**You will need:**

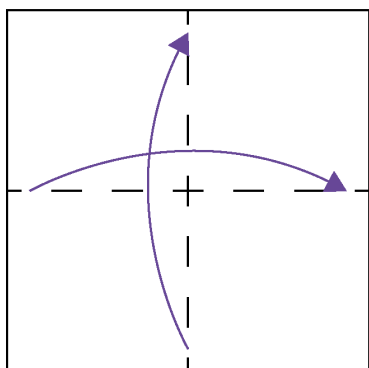
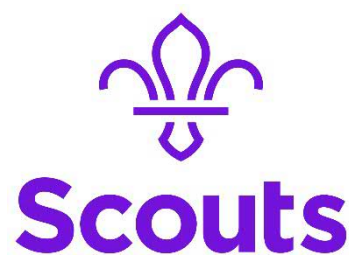
- Scissors
- Coloured pens or pencils
- Access to a computer
- A4 paper

**Instructions:**

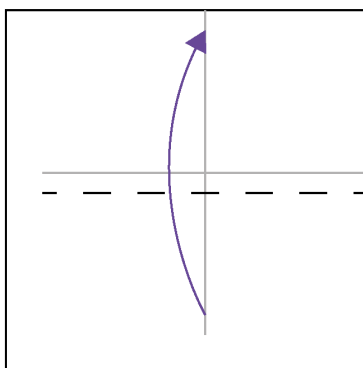
1. Make a square out of your piece of A4 paper. It should be at least 15cm wide.
2. Follow the set of folding instructions on the next page
3. Decorate the shirts! You can either decorate it to look like your uniform, or the uniform of Scouts from another country!

# To foldly go

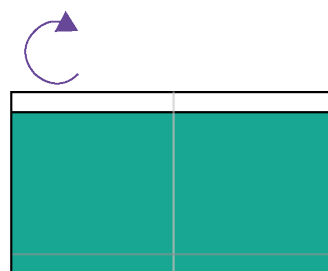
Follow these simple step by step instructions to craft your own uniform.



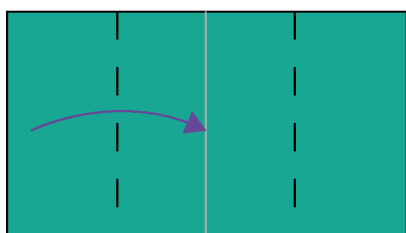
**1.** Fold into quarters along the dotted lines and fold back flat.



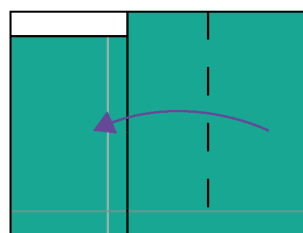
**2.** Fold along dotted line.



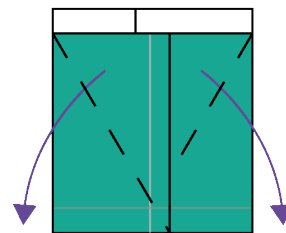
**3.** Flip over



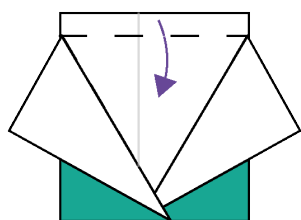
**4.** Fold in along the dotted line, the edge should reach over the centre line.



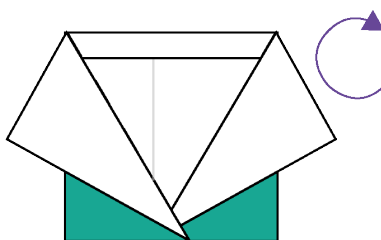
**5.** Fold in along the dotted line and insert under the folded left side to secure it.



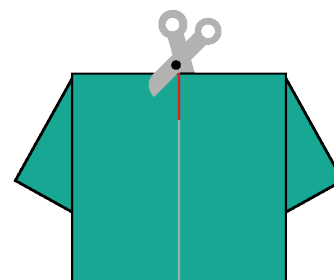
**6.** Fold out diagonally along the dotted lines.



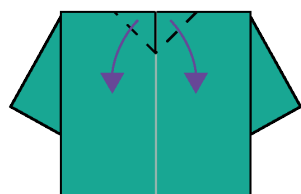
**7.** Fold along the dotted line and tuck under the top of folded triangles.



**8.** Fold along the dotted line and tuck under the top of folded triangles.



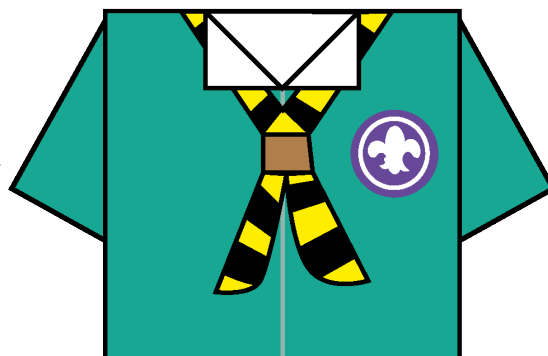
**9.** Make a short cut along the red line.



**10.** Fold over along the dotted lines.



**11.** Get creative.



**12.** Finished!