

Beavers Camp Craft Badge

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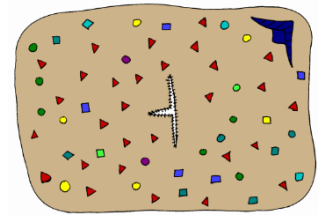
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Overview

For this task, the Beavers will start a camp blanket. Read this document to learn more about camp blankets.

Preparation Before The Meeting

1. Source camp blankets...
 - a. Most Beavers will have something at home already that they can use. I've written a little note to the parents giving them some direction on what to bring in for the following week (found at the end of this document)
2. Gather materials See 'Materials Needed' section
3. Print the 'Parent Note' – found in this document – you need one for each child and there are two on the page

Materials Needed

- Because a camp blanket can become a record of a child's achievements throughout their Scouting life it's probably best not to buy a section specific blanket because they can use it when they move up to the next section.

A camp blanket is made of woollen material. Fleece blankets can be used but if they are very cheap they will lose their shape over time the more badges that are sewn on them. Here's some tips on where to find one...

- Go to a charity shop
 - Look on ebay
 - Check your attics or grandparents attic
 - Ask friends
 - Look in material shops
 - Or as a last resort you can buy one from a Scout Shop
- Needle and thread for each child
- A badge that they can sew on as their first one at your meeting
- Some pins to hold the badge in place while sewing

Preparation At The Meeting

1. Prepare a flat surface for each Beaver to work on to sew their badge

Directions/Leader Speak

1. **Speak** - The next task you need to complete for your 'Beavers Camp Craft' badge is start your own camp blanket.

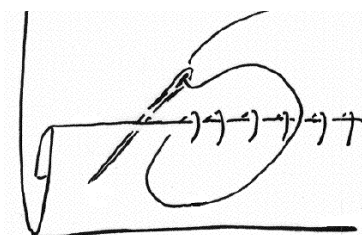
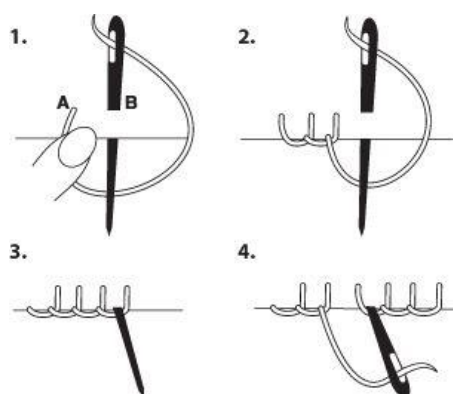
A Camp blanket is something that keeps you warm around a camp fire and can be used as an extra blanket to keep you warm at night. They are also somewhere to sew badges. The type of badges that you would add would be...

- Badges from a previous section
- Badges that are only worn for a prescribed period of time
- Swapped badges from another person met at camp

- Basically, any badge that isn't supposed to be worn on your uniform
2. **Speak** - Camp blankets can become a record of your achievements and places you have been
 3. **Action** – Split your group into teams of 4-6 (ideally 4) and assign a leader/helper to each team
 4. **Action** – Each leader/helper should demonstrate to each team how to sew on a badge. Then with the help of the leader each Beaver can try to do this on their own

How to sew the badge

1. Pin the badge securely in position
2. Turn the area to be sewn inside out (so basically you are sewing the badge from the back. This method doesn't show the stitching on the badge then. Which is great if you are starting out and it allows the stitching not to have to be perfect)
3. Make a knot in the end of the thread
4. Sew along the ridge formed by the edge of the badge. The needle is only piercing the underside of the embroidered border through the fabric, so the thread doesn't show on the front of the badge at all.
5. You can use a blanket stitch (first diagram) or a simple hem stitch (second diagram)
6. Once you've stitched around the entire badge cut and knot the thread



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- badges swapped from another person they may meet at camp
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