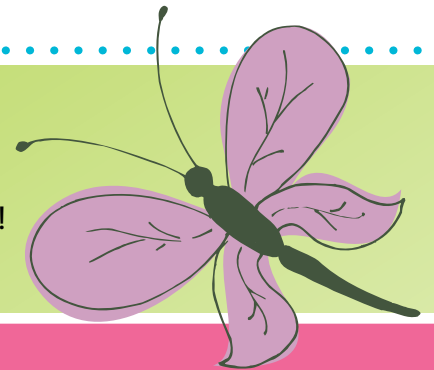


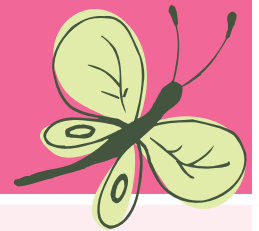
Make Your Own

As a Girl Scout Cadette, you can make your own badge once a year. It's a great way to gain a skill you've always wanted!



1 PICK A TOPIC

You can decide what you want to learn on your own or with your Cadette friends. (Remember to take a look at the Awards Log to make sure there's not already a badge on that topic.)



What do you want to know how to do?

EXAMPLES
These are just a few ideas to get you thinking:

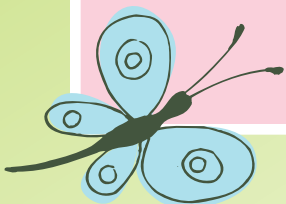
I want to learn how to ballroom dance.

I want to learn how to create a set for a play.

I want to learn how to cross-country ski.

YOUR OWN BADGE

I want to learn how to:



2 LEARN

Keep this slogan in mind: “Learn to Earn.” When you’ve really learned something, you’ll feel that you’ve earned your badge, so challenge yourself! First, figure out **what** you need to do to really explore your topic. Then make a plan about **how** you’re going to do it. Talk to an adult adviser about your plan, including how to stay safe as you’re earning your badge. (The adult you choose as your adviser could be your Girl Scout volunteer, one of your teachers, a librarian, an adult family member—anyone who is willing to listen to your ideas, give you advice if you need it, and then sign off that you’ve earned your badge when you’re done.)

What do you need to know?

EXAMPLES

To learn how to cross-country ski, I need to know what equipment I need.

I need to learn basic moves to glide across the snow (and stop!).

YOUR OWN BADGE

I need to know:

How can you learn this?

EXAMPLES

I can go to a ski store to find out about different types of skis and poles.

I can go to the library to read a magazine or how-to book on cross-country skiing.

I can watch a how-to video about cross-country skiing.

My older cousin knows how to cross-country ski—I can ask her to give me lessons.

There’s a cross-country ski team at school—I could ask the coach to show me the basics.

YOUR OWN BADGE

I can learn this by:

3 DO

Put your plan into action—and feel free to take all the time you need. If you really want to build a new skill, you can't do it overnight. Plus, you'll have more fun if you're not rushing yourself. So spend some time practicing your new skill. You may not do everything perfectly, but the more you practice, the better you'll get.



How can you practice your new skill?

EXAMPLES

I can go cross-country skiing with my cousin every weekend.

I can join a cross-country skiing club.

YOUR OWN BADGE

I can practice my new skill by:

4 SHARE

When you're done, talk to your adult adviser about what you learned—you might also want to demonstrate your new skill. Once you get your adviser's sign-off, you will have officially earned your badge!



Talk to your adviser about what you learned—or show your new skill in action.

EXAMPLES

Here are questions to get you started:

What did you learn?

What was the most fun part of learning your new skill?

Would you like to use your new skill to help others? How?

YOUR OWN BADGE

Here's what I learned while earning this badge:

Adult adviser's signature _____

5 MAKE YOUR BADGE

Now it's time to get your new badge! Visit www.gsmakeyourown.com, with an adult. You'll find many designs to choose from—pick the one that represents your topic the best. Follow the directions, and submit your design. The badge will be mailed to you later.

Congratulations!

**You've earned
a badge that you
made yourself—and
you've learned
something new!**

