

Scrapbooking!

Scrapbooking is a great year-round activity.

If you are unfamiliar with the term, scrapbooking is a form of preserving or documenting memories and goals. While the word may remind you of photo collages and craft supplies, scrapbooking can also be done digitally. In addition, scrapbooking is no longer only about preserving the past, it is about celebrating your future, too!

While it can be lots of fun to scrapbook all your amazing accomplishments, such as dance recitals or a fun trip you took with your troop, you can also scrapbook ideas or goals you have for yourself by creating a vision board.

Vision boards are a form of scrapbooking, but instead of documenting the past, you are creating inspiration for your future. They display things like inspirational quotes, photos of trips you want to take, or numeric goals, like how many cookies you want to sell. They are a great way to stay motivated, focused, and inspired throughout the year!

How to earn the Scrapbooking patch the Girl Scout way:

Steps:

1. **Discover**—Learn about different kinds of scrapbooking, like scrapbook albums, posters, digital scrapbooks, vision boards, and more!
2. **Connect**—Choose something in your life that you want to document.
3. **Take Action**—Get to work and create your very own, one-of-a-kind scrapbook.

Materials Needed:

In order to complete this patch, you'll need a few things:

- resources (You can either go online with an adult, talk with someone who scrapbooks, or visit a craft store.)
- craft materials (glue, scissors, tape, glitter, cardstock, stickers, markers, inspirational quotes, magazines, etc.)
- photos or a digital camera to take photos if you don't already have some
- old newspapers

Step 1

Discover the different ways you can scrapbook.

Research different forms of scrapbooking and figure out which one is most interesting to you.

With the help of an adult, you can research scrapbooking by visiting online sites like Pinterest and Shutterfly. Going to a craft store like Joann Fabrics or Michaels will help you understand what kind of resources are used when you use paper and craft supplies to scrapbook.



Step 2

Create a blueprint for your scrapbook project.

It's important to know what you're documenting and why. Create a blueprint for your project by considering:

- What things in your life would you want to keep a record of? A few ideas are friends and family, animals and pets, awesome Girl Scout adventures, future goals, and other things that are special to you.
- Think about why this event, person, or time in your life is important to you. Why do you want to document it or them?
- Decide whether you want to scrapbook past events or future goals for yourself. For example, you could document how much fun you had decorating your cookie booth and selling cookies last year OR you could create a vision board for your goals for next cookie season. You could create a record of your memories of camping with your troop OR you could make a vision board to inspire yourself to try out for a play, learn a new sport, or volunteer at the animal shelter.
- Physical or Digital? Do you like making crafts by using cardstock, glitter, and stickers? You might want to try making a physical scrapbook or vision board poster. Or, do you prefer computers over paint and glue? An online or digital scrapbook might be the choice for you.

Step 3

Create your own scrapbook.

Now that you have learned about different forms of scrapbooking and thought about what you would include in your project, you can start your scrapbook!

Gather all the materials like:

- Craft supplies or a computer
- Photos, quotes and more! Find or take photos that will make sense in your project. You can cut out photos from magazine or find a lot of resources online with the help of an adult.

Now, have fun creating! If you want, share your creation with others and inspire them to scrapbook, too.



All done? CONGRATULATIONS!

You've completed all the necessary steps to earn the Scrapbooking patch.

After completing the activities from each step, visit or call a Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania retail shop at 800-248-3355 to purchase your patch.* A patch may be worn on the back of a vest, sash or tunic.

*Patch shown may be substituted with similar patch, based on availability.