



## HOW TO SEW ON A BADGE

(onto a Girl Guide sash, camp blanket, bag, camp hat, etc.)

### Materials needed:

- New badge (maybe [this one!](#))
- Girl Guide sash, camp blanket, bag, camp hat, etc.
- Sewing needle
- Sewing scissors
- Thread that is the same colour as the border of your new badge
- Pins
- Pin cushion (optional)

### Instructions:

1. Pin your new badge in place to whatever you are sewing it on. These instructions refer to a Girl Guide sash.
2. Thread the needle with the thread.
3. Tie a knot at the end of the thread. You may need to make a knot a few times to ensure it doesn't pull through the badge.
4. Start sewing!
5. Use a stitch that comes up from the back of the sash, through the badge (just inside the border is great), over the badge border, and then back through the sash.
6. Keep doing this until you have sewn around the badge. Remember to secure the thread at the back of the sash once you're finished by tying a knot to ensure the badge doesn't come loose.

### Some clever tips!

- Don't have more thread than two arms' lengths or it will get tangled.
- To make threading your needle easier, check that the end of the thread has a neat cut. If it is frayed, snip off the end to tidy up.
- Don't sew on a badge with a straight stitch – you need to sew up and over the edge of the badge to keep it secure.
- If you run out of thread, tie a good knot and keep going with a new length of thread.

This is just one way to sew on a badge. Have you learnt a different method? Maybe you use a sewing machine? Discuss all the different ways you could sew a badge with your Guide Unit!

