



Make Your Own

As a Girl Scout Junior, you can make your own badge once a year. It's a great way to learn something you've always wanted to know! Follow these steps to create your badge.

1 PICK A TOPIC

You can decide what you want to learn on your own or with your Junior 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 ride through the woods on my bike.

I want to learn how to play a song on a recorder.

I want to learn how to say 10 things in a foreign language.

YOUR OWN BADGE

I want to learn how to:

2 LEARN

Keep this slogan in mind: "Learn to Earn." You wouldn't want to just frost a few cupcakes, call yourself a baking expert and award yourself a badge, right? Ask an adult to help you figure out *what* you need to do to really explore your topic. Then make a plan about *how* you're going to do it. (Remember to talk about how you'll stay safe while earning your badge.)

What do you need to know?

EXAMPLES

To learn how to ride through the woods on my bike, I need to know about the kinds of bikes that are built for trail riding.

I need to find out which trails are approved for bike riding.

I need to learn how to stay safe while riding on uneven ground.

YOUR OWN BADGE

I need to know:

How can you learn this?

EXAMPLES

I can go to an outdoor store and talk to a salesperson about bikes used for trail riding.

I can go to the library to read magazines or books about trail riding.

I can watch a how-to video on trail riding.

My dad loves to go trail riding—I'll ask him to teach me!

YOUR OWN BADGE

I can learn this by:

3 DO

Put your plan into action—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

Riding trails with my dad every weekend.

Going on a Girl Scout event that includes trail riding.

YOUR OWN BADGE

I can practice my new skill by:

4 SHARE

When you're done, talk to your adult helper about what you learned. Ask them to sign off that you've earned your badge—a symbol that you taught yourself something new!

Talk to your adult helper about what you learned—or show what you can do now!

EXAMPLES

Here are some 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:

Your adult helper's signature _____

5 MAKE YOUR BADGE

Now it's time to get your new badge! With your trusted adult, visit www.gsmakeyourown.com. You'll find a ton of pictures that you can use to create your badge online. Follow the directions and submit your design. The badge will be mailed to you later.

Congratulations!

**You've made—and earned
—your very own badge!**