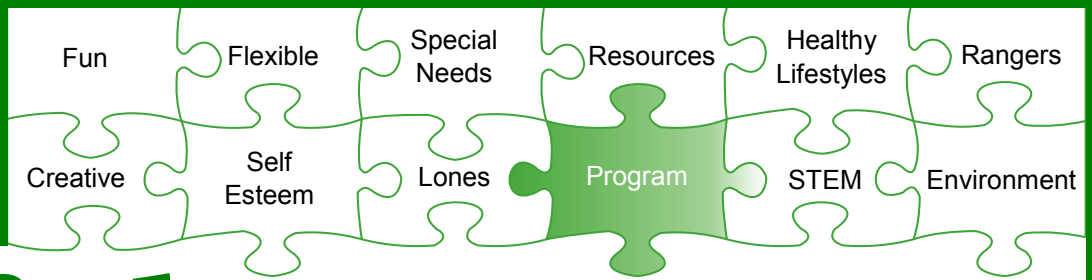




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The Hat Craft / Trader / SWAPS Issue

I recently attended a Guiders' workshop and mentioned that the BC Program Committee was going to put out a "trader" issue of the FunFinder. "What's a 'trader'?" one of the new Guiders asked.



"What's a trader?!? Have you ever heard of a 'hat craft'?"

"No."

What about a "SWAP".

"Noooooo....?"

This, of course, resulted in a buzz of excitement from the experienced Guiders at the table. We all couldn't wait to share what traders are - small crafts that you attach to your camp hat (thus "hat craft") that you

trade with other girls you meet at camps or events. In the US they call traders "SWAPS" - which can have many meanings, but some definitions you will find online are "Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere" or "Share With A Pal" or "Something With a Pin".

We then gave examples of our favourite trader ideas.

The new Guider was beside herself with excitement - she couldn't wait to go make traders with her Brownies!

So this issue of the FunFinder is for the new Guiders who have not yet discovered the joy of traders... and for the experienced Guiders who are looking for new trader ideas.

Have fun with these, and get trading!

A special thank you to the Program Advisers in BC who provided sample traders at the October 2012 Connections Workshop. Credit has been given to samples where known.

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Trading Etiquette

- ◆ Make as many traders as you would like to exchange. Make a few extra in case you meet someone who has nothing to give you in return. Some girls haven't learned about traders yet!
- ◆ When you are trading, keep the items for trade in a baggie, attach your "keepers" (which you don't want to trade) to

- your hat. If traders are attached to someone, don't ask to trade for those ones.
- ◆ If someone wants to trade with you, and you already have what they are offering, trade anyhow... you can always trade your extra with someone else.
- ◆ Not everyone makes traders that are as nice as yours. Be polite to all girls who trade with you, and don't refuse to trade with

anyone. Part of being a Girl Guide is to be considerate of others' feelings.

- ◆ Always remember to say thank you.
- ◆ Never use food items in your trader crafts. They will deteriorate over time, and will attract bugs.
- ◆ All trader materials should be weather-proof and made to last.

Identify Yourself!



When making traders, don't forget to attach a little tag

identifying the creator of the item. For example, you could put your name, Unit and city, or your Unit, city

and area... just something so that the recipient can remember where the trader originated from.

Have You Participated?



<http://nsp.girlguides.ca>

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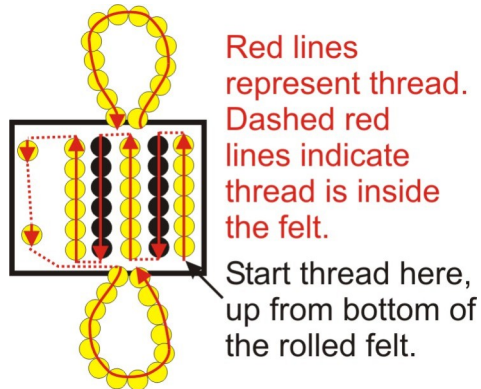
Bee

Supplies:

- ♦ Black felt, 3/4" wide x about 5" long
- ♦ Black and gold/yellow seed beads
- ♦ Needle
- ♦ Black thread
- ♦ Safety pin
- ♦ Trader tag with your information on it, hole punched

Instructions:

1. Tightly roll the felt into a cylinder. Sew the end of the felt in place.
2. Pull the needle through the felt roll to the back of roll.
3. Add 6 gold beads onto the thread, pull needle through to start the next row.
4. Add 6 black beads, sew in place.
5. Add 6 gold beads, sew in place.



6. Add 6 black beads, sew in place.
7. Add 6 gold beads, sew in place.
8. Sew on 2 gold beads for eyes.
9. Pull needle through to wing starting location; add 14 gold beads for a wing.
10. Put needle through felt roll and come out at the start of the other



- wing; add 14 gold beads for the second wing.
11. Sew wing in place.
12. Pull the needle through to the back of the bee.
13. Sew thread in place and knot.
14. Attach safety pin with trader tag.

Binoculars

Supplies:

- ♦ 2 wire connectors
- ♦ Googly eyes
- ♦ String or plastic gimp
- ♦ Hot glue gun
- ♦ Safety pin
- ♦ Trader tag with your information on it, hole punched

Instructions:

1. Glue the wire connectors together.
2. Glue the eyes to the larger end of the connectors.
3. Thread the pin and trader tag through the string or gimp. Glue the ends of the string/gimp to the wire connectors.



Sample by Lynette Tetlow

Dish Bag



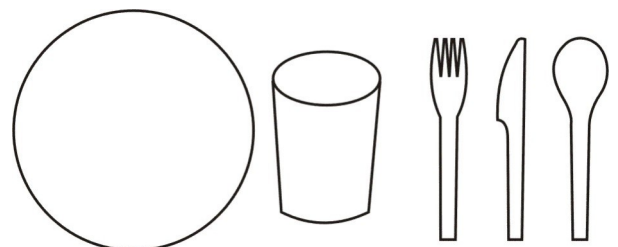
Supplies:

- ♦ Square piece of mesh material, about 4" x 4"
- ♦ String
- ♦ Fun foam or heavy laminated paper
- ♦ Scissors

- ♦ Safety pin
- ♦ Trader tag with your information on it, hole punched

Instructions:

1. The contents of your dish bag can be made using Fun Foam or laminated cardstock. Don't forget that all traders should be weather resistant!
2. If you are using cardstock, you can print the template first, then laminate prior to cutting out. If you are using Fun Foam, draw the items onto the foam prior to cutting.



3. When all pieces have been cut, place them in the centre of the mesh.
4. Gather the edges of the mesh around the dishes and tie closed with the string.
5. Attach your information tag and safety pin to the string.

Frog Face

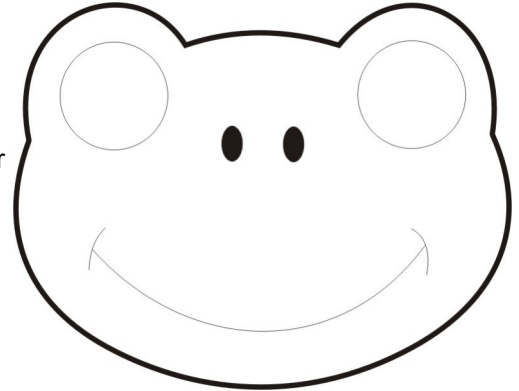


Supplies:

- ♦ Green felt
- ♦ Buttons / needle / thread or...
- ♦ ...googly eyes / glue
- ♦ Permanent marker
- ♦ Scissors
- ♦ Safety pin
- ♦ Trader tag with your information on it, hole punched

Instructions:

1. Using the template as a guide, draw the frog face shape onto the felt and cut it out.
2. You can either sew on buttons or glue googly eyes on for the eyes.
3. The mouth and nostrils can either be drawn on using permanent marker, or you can sew them on using a back stitch (see [http://
embroidery.about.com/od/
Embroidery-Stitches/ss/How-To-
Work-The-Back-Stitch.htm](http://embroidery.about.com/od/Embroidery-Stitches/ss/How-To-Work-The-Back-Stitch.htm) for back stitch instructions).
4. Attach safety pin with trader tag.



*What goes dot-dot-croak, dot-dash-croak?
Morse toad!*

Fry Pan

Supplies:

- ♦ Bottle cap
- ♦ Black paint
- ♦ Hair bobby pin
- ♦ Felt scraps: white, yellow, brown
- ♦ Glue
- ♦ Hot glue gun
- ♦ Safety pin
- ♦ Trader tag with your information on it, hole punched

Instructions:

1. Paint the bottle cap black (optional).
2. Bend the bobby pin so it is spread

a little bit apart, as shown in the picture.

3. Thread your trader tag and the eye of the safety pin through the bobby pin.
4. Glue the end of the bobby pin to the bottom of the bottle cap. Hot glue works best for this.
5. Cut a small circle of white felt and a smaller circle of yellow felt to make the fried egg. Glue together and glue into the bottle cap.
6. Cut two small strips of brown felt to represent bacon. Glue them into the bottle cap, as well.



Guiding Caterpillar



Sample by Christina Armstrong

Supplies:

- ♦ Green felt
- ♦ Small pom-poms in Guiding colours (pink, orange/brown, blue, green, red)
- ♦ Googly eyes
- ♦ White glue
- ♦ Scissors
- ♦ Safety pin
- ♦ Trader tag with your information on it, hole punched

Instructions:

1. Cut the green felt into a leaf shape, large enough for the five pom-poms to fit side to side.
2. Glue the pom-poms in place.
3. Glue on the eyes.
4. Pin together the leaf and trader tag.

Geocache

Supplies:

- ♦ Small containers with lids – could be film canisters (if you can find them!) or you can purchase small plastic craft containers from the dollar store (mine came in a package of 10 for \$1.50)
- ♦ Camouflage duct tape – available at Canadian Tire, Wal-Mart, Michaels, etc
- ♦ Fishing line
- ♦ Safety pin
- ♦ Trader tag with your information on it, hole punched
- ♦ Label for the outside of the container (make these up on the computer in advance – you can find an official geocache logo to download at <http://www.geocaching.com/about/logousage.aspx>.) Since this geocache will not be hidden, I added “Unofficial Geocache” to my label.
- ♦ Geocache log sheet for the inside of the container – you can make your own or print some from the internet that fit your container. See <http://www.cachecrazy.com/p/cachecrazycom-logs.html> or <http://www.techblazer.com/geocaching->

[log-sheets/](#) for some examples.

- ♦ Clear packing tape
- ♦ Scissors

Instructions:

1. Remove the lid from the container.
2. Thread the fishing line through the base of your safety pin and through the hole on your information tag. The fishing line should be long enough so that when it is folded in half both ends are at the bottom of the container, it comes up the side, and extends about an inch past the top of the container.
3. Cut a square piece of camo duct tape to cover the bottom of your container. Place the ends of the fishing line (pin and tag already threaded through!) under the container, then stick on the tape (so the fishing line is stuck between the tape and the container). Fold the edges up around the sides of the container.
4. Cut a strip of duct tape that is the same height as your container and long enough to wrap around the entire container. Hold the



Sample by Julie Thomson

- fishing line, pin & tag up, then wrap the tape around the container.
5. Place the label on the outside of the container, and cover (secure) with clear packing tape.
 6. Cover the top of the lid of the container with duct tape, and trim the edges so that there is no overhang.
 7. Roll up your mini log sheet and place it inside the container. You could also include some small “treasures” to trade – such as beads or special buttons.
 8. Place the lid on the container and you’re ready to trade! Don’t forget to sign the log sheet and have your friends sign it, too!

Icy Drink



Sample by Doris Raiwet

Supplies:

- ♦ Small plastic shot glass or medicine cup
- ♦ Clear faceted or pony beads
- ♦ Narrow straw or coffee stir stick, cut to about 2” long
- ♦ Clear gel glue
- ♦ Fruit sticker
- ♦ Hot glue
- ♦ Pin back (bar pin)
- ♦ Trader tag with your information on it, hole punched

Instructions:

1. Fill cup with clear beads.
2. Pour gel glue into the cup.
3. Push the straw into the filled cup.
4. Apply a fruit sticker to the outside of the cup
5. Let dry overnight.
6. Hot glue a pin back onto the cup.
7. Attach your trader tag - either attach it to the straw or to the pin.

Kite

Supplies:

- ½ pipe cleaner
- 6 round ½" stickers
- 2" square piece of plastic
- 5-6" of string
- Safety pin
- Trader tag with your information on it, hole punched

Instructions:

1. Shape the pipe cleaner into a

2. diamond. Pinch the two ends tightly together. Twist 2-3 times to close.
3. Use the string to wrap around the joined pipe cleaner end 2-3 times. Tie the string onto the pipe cleaner, leaving a tail.
4. Lay the diamond on the plastic.
5. Fold the plastic over the edges of the pipe cleaner and secure with stickers.

6. Cut two stickers in half, sandwiching string between to create ties on the tail.
7. Use pin to add trader information and attach to hat.



Knot Cards

Used with permission from <http://www.e-patchesandcrests.com>

Supplies:

- 1 sheet of 8.5 x 11 paper, printed double sided using the template found at http://www.e-patchesandcrests.com/catalogue/ideas/printables/EPR001_Knots_Quick_Reference.php
- Clear adhesive laminate sheets or clear contact paper
- Scissors
- Yarn/string/clip
- Small hole punch
- Safety pin

- Trader tag with your information on it, hole punched

Instructions:

1. Print the template double-sided.
2. Laminate the paper using a clear adhesive contact sheet or laminator.
3. Cut along cut lines - you will end up with 8 pieces per set.
4. With a small hole punch, punch a hole through all 8 pieces.
5. Attach a piece of yarn/string or a clip through the hole.
6. Thread the yarn/string/clip through the safety pin and trader



Sample provided by Susan Stephen tag.

7. If using yarn or string, tie closed.

Lollipop

Supplies:

- ½ a pipe cleaner stem in 2 different colours
- Straw
- Glue gun

Sample by Roberta Franchini



- Scissors
- Safety pin
- Trader tag with your information on it, hole punched

Instructions:

1. Cut two pipe cleaners in half.

2. Twist together, and form into a spiral.
3. Hot glue onto a straw (each straw should give about three stems).
4. Use safety pin to fasten.
5. Add trader tag.

Ogopogo / Sea Monster

Supplies:

- Green pipe cleaner, cut into about 4" long pieces
- Small googly eyes
- Glue
- Safety pin
- Trader tag with your information on it, hole punched

Instructions:

1. Bend the pipe cleaner as shown. Note that the head is bent back on itself to make it a bit thicker.
2. Glue small googly eyes in place.
3. Thread the trader tag onto the pipe cleaner.
4. Thread the safety pin onto the pipe cleaner.

Sample by Julie Thomson



Morse Code Message

Supplies:

- ♦ 3 mm pearl beads for dots
- ♦ Bugle beads (or longer beads) for dashes
- ♦ A different colour of bead to separate the letters and words
- ♦ About 1 ft of fine leather cord or beading string
- ♦ Safety pin
- ♦ Trader tag with your information on it, hole punched

Instructions:

1. Translate your message into Morse Code. "GUIDES," as shown on the sample (separated by |) is:

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You can use a Morse Code translator to translate your message (<http://morsecode.scphillips.com/cgi-bin/morse.cgi>) or print up a chart for the girls to translate their own messages (<http://morsecode.scphillips.com/morse2.html>).

2. Tie a knot about 4 inches from the end of the string. This stops the beads from falling off.
3. String the beads letter by letter, making sure to put a knot (or different colour bead) in between each letter and 3 knots (or different colour beads) in between each word so you can see the letters and words easily.



4. Tie a knot at the end of the beaded message.
5. Attach your trader tag and safety pin to the string above the top letter of your message.

Owl

Supplies:

- ♦ Pop can tab
- ♦ Small piece of felt (brown, grey, white)
- ♦ Small googly eyes
- ♦ Orange bead or orange felt for beak
- ♦ Scissors
- ♦ Glue / hot glue
- ♦ Safety pin
- ♦ Trader tag with your information on it, hole punched

Instructions:

1. Place the pop tab over the felt to determine how large to cut the head. Cut a head which is about the same size as the top opening of the pop tab, adding pointy ear feathers above.
2. Glue the face felt behind the pop tab.
3. Glue the eyes and beak in place. You can either glue on a small orange bead (as shown) for the

beak, or cut a small rectangle of felt to glue on.

4. Hot glue a safety pin to the back of the face.
5. Attach trader tag.



Sample by
Julie Thomson

Pond Observations



Sample by
Carla MacRae

Supplies:

- ♦ Black Fun Foam
- ♦ Acetate (overhead projector sheet)

- ♦ Small plastic baggie
- ♦ Label with "My Pond Observations" on it
- ♦ Small items to fill baggie; in ours we have two small pebbles, a small plastic leaf and a small plastic frog
- ♦ Double sided tape
- ♦ Scissors
- ♦ Hole punch (optional)
- ♦ Safety pin
- ♦ Trader tag with your information on it, hole punched

Instructions:

1. Cut the Fun Foam in the shape of

a magnifying glass. You can either cut out where the "glass" goes, or use a hole punch.

2. Cut a circle of acetate to fit on the magnifying glass and attach with double sided tape.
3. Attach the label to the outside of the baggie.
4. Fill the baggie with assorted pond items.
5. Close the bag; pin together the magnifying glass, baggie and trader tag.

Rainbow Seeds

Supplies:

- ♦ Small baggie
- ♦ Beads in the rainbow colours
- ♦ Label
- ♦ Safety pin
- ♦ Trader tag with your information on it, hole punched

Instructions:

1. Print the following text on the label:
Rainbow Seeds
Plant in your heart when
your life needs some
colour.
2. Stick the label to the baggie.
3. Fill the baggie with a variety of

4. Attach a safety pin and your information tag.

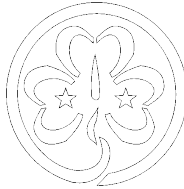


Sample by
Susan Clegg

WAGGGS Trefoil

Supplies:

- ♦ Bottle cap
- ♦ World trefoil picture (just under 1" in diameter)
- ♦ Pencil crayons
- ♦ Scissors
- ♦ Modge podge (or glue that dries clear)
- ♦ Paper clip
- ♦ Hot glue
- ♦ Safety pin
- ♦ Trader tag with your information on it, hole punched



Instructions:

1. Colour the trefoil with the appropriate colours ("the golden yellow trefoil on a bright blue background stands for the sun shining over the children of the world.").
2. Cut the trefoil out.
3. Apply modge podge/glue to the back side of the trefoil then place it inside the bottle cap.
4. Apply modge podge to the top of the trefoil and let dry.
5. Thread the safety pin and trader tag onto the paper clip.



Sample by Jennifer Mayer

6. Glue the paper clip to the back of the bottle cap using hot glue.

Online Ideas

The ideas for traders are endless! There are many websites you can visit to find ideas for traders. Here are a few of our favourites.

Pinterest - Girl Scout Swaps:

<http://pinterest.com/search/pins/?q=girl+scout+swaps>

Scout Mom:

<http://www.scoutmom.net/swaps/>

Girl Scout SWAPS:

<http://www.scoutswaps.com/>

GS Swaps:

<http://snappyswaps.com/>

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