



Doll Collecting Program Patch

Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council

Learn about the art of dolls as you explore the third largest collecting hobby, doll collecting. This Program patch is available to Daisy through Ambassador Girl Scouts. Please complete five (5) of the activities, including the two (2) starred.

1. There are many types of dolls. An easy way to sort your dolls would be to catalog them. This can be done based on the type of materials the dolls are made of (*cloth, porcelain, plastic*), the type of doll (*baby doll, child doll or adult doll*), the maker of the dolls, the height of the doll or who gave you the doll and when.
Select a method and catalog all of your dolls. Write a list and consider making and decorating a special cover for your catalog.

- 2.* Dolls have been with us for years and years. **Talk with your mother, guardian or another adult AND your grandmother or an older adult about their childhood dolls.** Compare them to the dolls you have. What is different? What is the same? How did they play with their dolls?

3. Visit a museum with a doll exhibit and ask the curator or a staff member to guide you through their doll collection.

OR

Visit your local library and ask the librarian to show you books about dolls from other cultures and countries. Look through the books, and if you have a library card, check out your favorite book and read about the dolls.

OR

Talk with a doll collector. Discover how long they have collected, what they collect, why, how they got started, do they have any advice for a beginning collector and other questions you are sure to have.

4. List the different materials used in making dolls since 1900. Consider making a simple doll during a troop/group meeting.

- 5.* Define the following classifications of dolls and give two examples of each:

antique dolls

collectible dolls

modern dolls

6. Visit your favorite toy shop and observe the dolls and note the names of three (3) doll companies. Ask the sales person in the toy shop to show you the new dolls for the year and which dolls are best sellers.

7. Select four (4) dolls from your collection: i.e. a baby doll, a child doll, an adult doll and a cloth doll. Take these to your troop/group meeting and tell about them. Ask other troop/group members to bring their favorite dolls.

8. Suggest the troop/group have a doll show. You might invite other troops/groups in the area to participate in your show. This would be an excellent mother-daughter opportunity and to include an afternoon tea.

OR

Watch for notices of doll shows in your area. This would be a great field trip for the troop/group.

OR

If there is a doll club in your area, contact them about having a workshop on dolls for your troop/group or service unit.