

## **GIRL SCOUT FRIENDS CENTERPIECE**

*Adapted from MakingFriends.com*

### **For Each Centerpiece**

#### **Materials:**

- Six 5" Balloons in appropriate Girl Scout colors – Green, white, and blue, or if it is in honor of a special level event or Silver or Gold, use those colors.
- Six Jumbo Craft Sticks
- Tacky Glue or Low Low Temp Glue Gun
- Scissors
- Girl Scout Friends, approximately six printed on Index Stock

#### **Directions:**

1. Print one Girl Scout Friends each on index stock. Cut them out. Glue all three sets together in a line overlapping hands and strip along the bottom. Let dry. Form into a circle. Glue, overlapping hands and strip along the bottom. Let dry.
2. For more support, glue a Jumbo Craft Stick to the back of each Scout Friend.
3. Blow up balloons to 3" across. Arrange inside circle of Friends.

**Category: Decoration**

**Age Level: Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior**

**Group Size: Any**

**Time: ½ hour**

## **GIRL SCOUT CANDY CENTERPIECES**

*From MakingFriends.com*

### **Materials:**

You will need 6 to 12 pops per pot depending upon the size of the pot. We used a pot that was 5½" tall with a 4" opening. Eight pops fit nicely into this size. One pound of candy melts will make about ten Girl Scout pops.

- Scout Candy Molds
- Vanilla Candy Melts
- Lollipop Sticks
- Yellow and Blue Cellophane
- Curling Ribbon
- Flower Pot
- Styrofoam

### **Directions:**

1. Melt candy according to package directions.
2. Pour into molds. Add stick.
3. Place molds in refrigerator until set.
4. Cut cellophane into 10" squares. Wrap the candy in cellophane.
5. Tie off with ribbon. Wrap the chocolate candy in clear cellophane. Tie off with green ribbon. Curl ribbon with scissors.
6. Arrange candy pops in flower pot using Styrofoam to anchor. Hide Styrofoam with extra pieces of curled ribbon.

**Category: Decoration**

**Age Level: Junior, Cadette, Senior**

**Group Size: small**

**Time: ½ hour plus time for candy to set**

## **PERLER SCOUT PUPPETS**

*From MakingFriends.com*

### **Materials:**

- Perler Beads
- Craft Sticks
- Perler People Pegboards
- Low Temp Glue Gun
- Iron and Adult

### **Directions:**

1. Set up the pegboards with Perler beads.
2. Follow product directions and fuse beads.
3. Let cool.
4. Remove from pegboard.
5. Hot glue on a craft stick.

**Category: Performance Art**

**Age Level: Junior, Cadette, Senior**

**Group Size: small**

**Time: varies  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$  hour**

## FANCY GIRL SCOUT BRACELET

*From MakingFriends.com*

### Materials:

- Round "I" "Y" "G" and "S" Letter Beads
- 4 mm Faceted Beads
- Beading Elastic
- 4mm Round Gold Beads
- Scissors
- Tacky Glue

### Directions:

1. Cut a 12" piece of beading elastic.
2. Condition the ends with tacky glue. Let dry.
3. String on alternating faceted beads with gold metallic beads.
4. After stringing eight sets, string on the "I Heart GS" beads alternated with gold metallic beads.
5. String on alternating faceted beads with gold metallic beads until you have enough to go around the wrist.
6. Tie off with a double knot and trim.

**Category: Jewelry**

**Age Level: Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior**

**Group Size: small-medium**

**Time: ½ hour**

## NAME CHOKERS

### Materials:

- Pony beads (plastic beads, come in all sizes and colors)
- Letter pony beads (it may take several packages to get all the letters you need, depending on the size of your group)
- Elastic cord or other cord long enough to make a choker

### Directions:

1. Put the letter pony beads in a flat container, such as a pie pan or cookie sheet, for easy sorting
2. Have girls select the letters of their first name and decide on what colors they want to use.
3. Have the girls count the letters of their name and divide it by 2 to find the midpoint, which, on the finished product, they will want to be at their throat. For example, if her name is "MOLLIE" she would count 6 letters, 3 letters in would be her midpoint. Girls may want to put a spacer pony bead between each letter, in which case the count for "MOLLIE" is 11 beads, the midpoint being the 6<sup>th</sup> bead
4. Cut the cord to fit loosely around each girl's neck, plus about an extra foot for tying
5. String the first bead on the cord and position it about 6" from the end, looping the cord back through the bead hole to secure the bead and keep it from slipping, or tying a double overhand knot, which can later be removed if desired. This is your hold bead that will prevent all the other beads from slipping off should you drop it!
6. Have the girls string their beads on in the pattern and colors they have chosen until they reach the point where the first letter of their name should be started, in the case above, "MOLLIE," using the spacer beads between the letters, 6 beads out from the center of her throat (have her hold it up to own neck to measure the right point). This doesn't have to be exact, adjustments can always be made at either end
7. Continue with the pattern and colors to match the other side until the length is enough to reach the back of her neck
8. Secure the last bead as you did the first bead to prevent spillage should the choker fall off
9. Put the choker around her neck and tie the ends in a square knot (right over left, left over right) to secure

**Category: Jewelry/Name Tag**

**Age Level: Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior**

**Group Size: small-medium**

**Time: ½ hour**

## NAME PINS

### Materials:

- Foamie sheets (all one color or a variety)
- Foamie letters (small)
- Tacky glue and/or warm glue gun
- Scissors (pattern scissors give name pins an interesting edge)
- Pin backs

### Directions:

1. Have girls find the letters of their first name, or if their name is very long, their initials or nickname
2. Have the girls select the color of the base of their pin and creatively fit the letters of their name on the base, gluing each letter in place once they have laid out their design
3. Cut the base to fit the letters, leaving a border around name if desired
4. Glue a pin back to the back and let dry thoroughly before wearing
5. Or you can punch a hole in the top with a hole puncher and tie a cord through it to wear around you neck.

**Category: Jewelry/Name Tag**  
**Age Level: Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior**  
**Group Size: small-medium**  
**Time: ½ hour**

## EMBOSSSED INVITATIONS

### Materials:

- Special stamp from a craft store, Wal-mart, stamp store, etc. or
- Have the girls design their own using a pink block eraser as the base
- Ink pad or embossing ink (in a bottle)
- Embossing powder (a little goes a long way)
- Practice paper
- Pre-cut and folded invitations or cut and fold your own from card stock and envelopes with invitation inside inviting families to attend the Investiture/Rededication Ceremony
- A heat source, such as the Heat It Craft Tool that looks like a little hairdryer but it only heats and doesn't blow. A hair dryer set on high heat and low blow works almost as well, and I have even put them in the oven for a few minutes.

### Directions:

1. Cover work surface with newspapers, then have sheets of paper to work over
2. Have girl select stamp design and embossing color and place her practice sheet on another sheet of paper over newspaper
3. If you are using ink pads, have everything ready to go since the ink dries quickly and the embossing powder will only stick to wet ink. Open your ink pad, open your embossing powder, and have paper ready
4. Press stamp firmly and evenly into ink pad, making sure all surfaces are covered in ink
5. Then press stamp firmly and evenly onto your practice sheet, rocking slightly but not lifting the stamp. Be careful not to rock to the outer edge of the stamp which is not meant to imprint.
6. While stamp is still in place on paper, pick up the embossing powder with the other hand, then remove the stamp and quickly cover design with embossing powder, completely coating the design.
7. Shake excess off onto the sheet of paper below, tapping the edge to shake loose excess powder. Use a small, clean, dry brush if needed to make sure there aren't any stray powder bits on the paper
8. Set stamped design aside and shake excess powder on the sheet of paper back into the bottle
9. Turn on your heating device and move the heat over your design watching for it to melt. The final finish is shiny and solid looking. Take care not to over melt or it will run.
10. Now you are ready to stamp your invitation. Let dry thoroughly before placing in envelope. Address envelopes while waiting for invitations to dry.

**Category: Paper Craft/Stamping**  
**Age Level: Junior, Cadette, Senior**  
**Group Size: small**  
**Time: ½ hour**

## TREASURE MAPS

### Materials:

- Provide each girl with a large newsprint, poster board or 11x17 sheet of paper
- You also need markers, crayons, and magazines, scissors and glue.

### Directions:

1. Tell the girls they are going to make a poster of what they would like to be, become, do, or have during this Girl Scout year.
2. Tell them they can use pictures from magazines, they can draw pictures, they can cut out words, or write on the pictures. This has to reflect their hopes and dream for the year.
3. Afterwards, have each girl show her Treasure Map and explain it to the group.
4. Explain to them that often by visualizing our dreams we can make them come true.

**Category: Jewelry/Name Tag**

**Age Level: Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior (older girls gain more from the experience)**

**Group Size: medium-large**

**Time: ½ hour-1 hour**

## **TROOP FAMILY TREE**

On a card (you can cut them into the shape of a leaf if you like) have each girl write her name, names of her family members, names of her pets, countries and states family members originated from, etc. Hang them on a “tree” made from cardboard, a mobile, colored butcher’s paper taped to the wall. Have the girls use their imaginations.

**Category: Paper Craft/Getting to Know You**

**Age Level: Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior**

**Group Size: small-medium**

**Time: ½ hour**

## BETTER ME COLLAGES

### Materials:

- Old magazines, particularly ones showing teens and young people (may have to collect these from your daughter and her friends)
- Large paper, 11 x 17 or poster boards
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers
- Colored paper if desired

### Directions:

1. Have girls go through magazines and tear out pages that have pictures that represents the “Better Me” concept of all the ways you would like to physically improve yourself – eating better, exercise more, better skin, better hair, better teeth, etc. Don’t attempt to make final selection at this time because you never know what you will find on the next page. Suggest that the girls also cut out words that describe the Better Me. Note: Encourage girls to select pictures rather than stop and read the articles which take too long!
2. Once a girl feels she has gathered enough pictures, have her sort the pictures into three piles, “Definitely” “Maybe” and “Discard.” Pile the “Discards” together for later use or for another girl to use for this project.
3. First cut out and place the “Definitely” pictures, cutting them out to contain minimum background. Encourage girls to place their pictures artistically, overlapping and angling them on the paper.
4. Depending on room, add in pictures from the “Maybe” pile.
5. Add words cut from magazine or written over the pictures with markers.
6. When discussing the collages, give each girl a chance to explain each picture and why she chose it, how she thinks that will make her a healthier, better person, and how she plans to reach that goal.

**Category: Paper Craft**

**Age Level: Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior (results are different according to age)**

**Group Size: medium-large**

**Time: 1/2-3/4 hour**

## PRETTY SPIDER PINS

### Materials:

- Large glass gemstones (flat on one side, rounded on top), 1 per girl
- Black chenille strips (pipe cleaners), 1 per girl
- Small wriggly eyes, 1 pair per girl
- Pin backs
- Warm glue gun

### Directions:

1. Fold the chenille strip in half and cut, then fold the halves into half again and cut so you should 4 pieces
2. Put a line of glue on the flat side of the gemstone lengthwise and lay the 4 chenille stem segments parallel across the “body” making sure the “legs” are even and equal on both sides of the “body”
3. When dry, form the legs by bending the chenille stem in half on all eight legs
4. Glue the wriggly eyes to the other, rounded side on one end
5. Glue the pin back on top of the legs on the flat side, or attach a magnet for a refrigerator or locker decoration

**Category: Jewelry**

**Age Level: Junior, Cadette, Senior**

**Group Size: small-medium**

**Time: ½ hour**

## CLAY TURKEY POTS

### Materials:

- Clay, self-hardening or oven baked
- Rolling pin
- Wax paper
- Round shape (cookie cutter, top of glass, etc.)
- Plastic knives
- Toothpicks

### Directions:

1. Roll the clay between your palms to soften it, then roll a piece bigger than your circle shape with the rolling pin
2. Press your circle shape into the flattened clay, this is the base of your bowl
3. Next, take a ball of clay about the size of your palm and roll it into a rope, trying to keep the diameter even the entire length of the rope
4. Dampen the edge of the circle and wrap the rope around the outer edge of the clay circle, coiling it around, one layer slightly outward of the layer below it, spiraling it until it ends.
5. Repeat the procedure, making the vessel the widening shape of the turkey's body, then coming back in slightly, still leaving an opening at the top for candy, flowers, etc.
6. Roll out another sheet of clay to cut the feathers out of with the plastic knife. Make the feathers different lengths, with one tallest, two next tallest, two next tallest, two the next tallest, etc. Use knife and toothpick to detail the feathers
7. Dampen a spot on your vessel with water and press the feathers in a fan shape to the back
8. Roll out another sheet of clay and cut a circle shape that will cover the top of where the feathers were pressed in the back
9. For the head, either hand build it using a picture or cut out the shapes following a pattern. Don't forget to add the wattle and eyes!
10. Attach to the front of the vessel.
11. Let dry or oven bake according to the directions on the clay

**Category: Clay**

**Age Level: Junior, Cadette, Senior**

**Group Size: small-medium**

**Time: ¾ hour-1 hour plus drying time**

## HARVEST GRAPEVINE CANDLE RINGS

### Materials:

- 6" grapevine wreaths (found in craft stores), one per girl
- Collection of nuts, dried seed pods, small cones, anything that might look pretty on the wreath
- Fall colored ribbons – ¼" and • " ribbons
- Pillar candle in fall color (optional, girls can supply their own at home)
- Low-temp glue gun or tacky glue

### Directions:

1. Spread out newspapers and display the collection so girls can easily choose what to add to their candle rings
2. Give each girl a wreath and have her choose her ribbon color to wrap, intertwining, around her wreath, to tie off in a pretty bow
3. Glue small items all around the ring
4. If desired, wrap or add additional ribbon on top of collection
5. Add candle in the center if desired.

**Category: Decoration**

**Age Level: Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior**

**Group Size: small-medium**

**Time: ½ hour**

## MACRAME' CHOKER

### Materials:

- Hemp, about 20 ft per girl
- Pony beads or seed beads, E size
- Masking Tape
- Scissors

### Directions:

1. Cut hemp into two 10' lengths. Fold each piece so one end is 18" long and the other end is 8½' long. Hold both pieces together at the fold and tie an overhand knot so you have a loop no bigger than ¾".
2. Tape the folded loop the table. Tape the two shorter holding cords to the table at the ends. Tie a half-hitch knot
3. Slide a bead on one of the working cords up close to the knot. Tie half the square knot and slide another bead on the same working cord pushing it up close to the knot. Continue with beads and knots until you have enough to fit around your neck.
4. Finish with an overhand knot. Trim cord ends leaving a few inches to tie around your neck.
5. To Make the half-hitch
6. The half-hitch is the basic knot of macramé. It is very similar to the square knot (right-over-left, left-over-right) so familiar to Girl Scouts. The first part of the knot is the same (right over left) but the second part needs to go behind the two holding cords and up through the loop. Pull tight.
7. Another way to teach it is to have girls make the number "4" with the left-hand cord, crossing the holding cords. The right-hand cord crosses the horizontal bar, goes behind the holding cords, and up through the loop. Pull tight. Repeat with the other side, make a backward "4"
8. A fun little way to teach this knot is to tell girls that the holding cord is the tree trunk. The girls then make a loop on one side, which is the lake, and the end of the cord perpendicularly crosses the tree trunk as a river. The other side is a snake (or bunny, but I think it looks more like a snake). Tell the girls that the snake slithers over the river, around the back of the tree trunk, comes up out of the lake and runs away (the river must also "run away" to make the knot tight). Repeat on the other side.
9. To keep the choker flat, be sure to start the next half-hitch knot on the opposite side. If you have trouble remembering which side you did last, look for the small knot stitch that is parallel to the holding cords and make your loop on that side.
10. For a different twist, make all your loops on the same side and your knots will spiral!

**Category: Jewelry**

**Age Level: Junior, Cadette, Senior**

**Group Size: small**

**Time: ½ hour-1 hour**

## PENGUIN BEADIE BACKPACK DANGLER

### Directions:

The basic technique for making beadie creatures is simple and can be adapted into just about any shape.

1. Measure approximately 3 yds. of cord (I have girls measuring from the tips of their noses to the ends of their outstretched finger tips for each yard).
2. Fold cord in half and either tie an overhand knot or attach to a lanyard hook or cliff hanger hook
3. Thread first pony bead on one side of the cord about 1" and hold between your fingers. Pass the other cord end through the same hole in the pony bead from the opposite side. Pull tight, your hands should be pulling in opposite directions. Repeat with the next row, adding the number and color you need to make the pattern.

### PENGUIN

B = Black    W = White    O = Orange    R = Red

BBB  
BBBB  
BWBBWB  
BBOOBB  
BBOOOO  
RRRRRR  
BBRRBB  
BBWWWBB  
BWWWWWB  
BBWWWWWB  
BBWBBWB  
OO    ●●●●●●OO  
O    ●●●●●●O

Category: Jewelry  
Age Level: Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior  
Group Size: small-medium  
Time: 1/2 hour

## FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

There are many, many different kinds of friendship bracelets; in fact, just about any bracelet made to be given to a friend can be called a friendship bracelet. In its simplest Girl Scout form, friendship bracelets are made from pony beads representing the colors of our population, brown to represent girls of African-American descent, cream to represent girls of European-American descent, red to represent girls of Native American descent, yellow to represent girls of Asian-American descent, and green to represent Girl Scouts threaded onto a cord and tied around the wrist. In its more complicated form, they are woven in various ways. The two ways presented below are some of the most well-known, common ones.

### WOVEN

#### Materials:

- Embroidery floss in a variety of colors
- Tape, clipboard, binder clip, or anything to secure the braid

#### Directions:

1. Have girls select their colors (the more colors, the wider the bracelet) and measure out approximately 2 yds. of each color (I have girls measuring from the tips of their noses to the ends of their outstretched finger tips twice).
2. Put colors together, making sure their ends are even, fold in half, and tie an overhand knot with a small loop at the end.
3. Secure the loop end either with tape to the table, a clipboard, or a binder clip which can then be clipped to a book or notebook
4. Have girls fan out the colors in the order they want to have the stripes appear on their bracelet
5. Take the first color on the left hand side, which will be your first knotting cord. Holding the next color cord (the holding cord) tightly in your left hand (tension helps), take the knotting cord, cross it over the holding cord, go around the back of the holding cord and up through the loop. Pull tight. Repeat on same cord.
6. Move to the next color cord, keeping the same knotting cord. Repeat. Do this until the knotting cord has knotted all cords.
7. The knotting cord now becomes the last color cord.
8. Take the first cord on the left side, which is now the new knotting cord, and repeat the entire process until the bracelet is the length you desire
9. Tie off the bracelet with a double square knot. Ends can then be passed through the loop and tied around the wrist.

**Category: Jewelry**

**Age Level: Junior, Cadette, Senior**

**Group Size: small-medium**

**Time: ½ hour-1 hour**

## WRAPPED

### Materials:

- Embroidery floss in a variety of colors
- Tape, clipboard, binder clip, or anything to secure the braid

### Directions:

1. Have girls select their colors (the more colors, the wider the bracelet) and measure out approximately 2 yds. of each color (I have girls measuring from the tips of their noses to the ends of their outstretched finger tips twice).
2. Put colors together, making sure their ends are even, fold in half, and tie an overhand knot with a small loop at the end.
3. Secure the loop end either with tape to the table, a clipboard, or a binder clip which can then be clipped to a book or notebook
4. Select first color and either simply tightly wrap around other colors, or
5. Take the first color on the left hand side, which will be your first knotting cord. Holding the whole bunch of cords together (the holding cords) tightly in your left hand (tension helps), take the knotting cord, cross it over the holding cord, go around the back of the holding cords and up through the loop. Pull tight. Repeat on same cord as many times as you want that stripe wide.
6. Pull out the next color you want and repeat the process, switching colors in any pattern you choose, until you have reached your desired length.
7. Tie off the bracelet with a double square knot. Ends can then be passed through the loop and tied around the wrist.

**Category: Jewelry**

**Age Level: Junior, Cadette, Senior**

**Group Size: small-medium**

**Time: ½ hour-1 hour**

## WOVEN BRACELETS

### Materials:

- Cotton string, any color or variegated
- Two plastic forks per girl (Wendy's forks work well because they have squared handles that tape well together)
- Tape

### Directions:

1. Tape the handles of the 2 forks together so that their tines are curved up the same way on opposite sides to make your loom
2. Take a piece of string and loop around the tines. These are your wharf threads. Start with just 1 loop until the girls master the technique, but you can add additional loops which will make the bracelet wider but is more a more complicated weaving pattern
3. Take a craft stick and punch a tiny hole in the end. The stick with probably split to the end but that's okay because it is easier to thread the woof thread to it. Tie the woof thread to the stick with a square knot. (Help your girls remember the terms "wharf" and "woof" by telling them to imagine a little dog running back and forth barking "woof! woof!" through the wharf threads!).
4. Start your bracelet by weaving the woof thread over and under, tamping down (pushing tight) the thread with your craft stick
5. Continue to the end. Length is perfect for a bracelet.  
Remove tape to release bracelet. Knot the string to secure. Attach a fastener to the loops.

**Category: Jewelry**

**Level: Junior, Cadette, Senior**

**Group Size: small-medium**

**Time: 1/2-3/4 hour**

## DREAM CATCHERS

*Dream Catchers are popular in many Northwest Native American tribes and can be made any size and with several different materials. The legend is that the Dream Catcher allows good dreams to pass through and slip down the feathers onto the sleeper. A bad dream is trapped in the web of the Dream Catcher.*

### Materials:

- Metal or plastic ring, any size (find at craft stores, fabric stores, etc.)
- Rawhide cord or suede cord
- Natural cotton twist cord
- Tacky Glue
- Pony Beads
- Feathers
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Clothespins

### Directions:

1. Spread glue on first inch of suede cord and hold in place on the ring with a clothespin. Wrap the lacing around the metal ring, being careful not to twist the lacing.
2. Glue the end to the lacing where they meet and hold with the clothespin until dry.
3. Roll cotton cord loosely into a ball.
4. Knot one end of cotton cord around the metal ring then seal the knot with glue.
5. Tie approximately half hitches about every three inches around the ring. Pinch each completed knot as you begin the next.
6. Add a half hitch next to the knot where you began.
7. Then begin tying half hitches in the middle of the cord you already added.
8. Continue until you complete a total of three more circles of half hitches.
9. Weave in some mini beads if desired.
10. Double knot the cord in the center of the webbing then seal knot with glue. Cut off excess cord.
11. Cut three 10" lengths and three 12" lengths of suede lacing.
12. Knot ends together of one 10" length and insert one end of loop through metal ring at the top.
13. Draw knot through loop and pull tight.
14. Knot one end of each of the other laces. Thread an even number of beads onto each lace then knot other end. Slide the same number of the beads up to each knot.
15. Fold lacing in half then attach the same way as the hanger.
16. Glue on feathers if desired.

**Category: Cultural**

**Level: Junior, Cadette, Senior**

**Group Size: small-medium**

**Time: 1/2-1 hour**

## **"I LOVE YOU" KEY RING DECORATION**

*From MakingFriends.com*

### **Materials:**

- Lanyard Hooks
- Pony Beads  
Letter Beads
- 24" Satin Cord
- Heart Shaped Pony Beads

### **Directions:**

1. Cut satin cord into 24" lengths. Fold in half and double knot to a lanyard hook.
2. Lace the first row of three beads onto one cord. Lace the other cord through the same beads in reverse order. Pull both cords snugly. Continue with the next row of three beads until you have laced all five rows.
3. String the bottom heart bead onto both cords. Tie off. Trim cords.

**Category: Jewelry**

**Level: Brownie Junior, Cadette, Senior**

**Group Size: small-medium**

**Time: ½ hour**

## VALENTINE FORTUNE COOKIE PIN

*From MakingFriends.com*

### Materials:

- Pink and Red Craft Foam or Circle Foamies
- Jewelry Craft Pin
- Low Temp Glue Gun
- Paper
- Scissors

### Directions:

1. Cut a 2-3/4" circle out of tan craft foam.
2. Fold in half and put a dab of hot glue to hold it together.
3. Put your thumb in one end and your middle finger in the other end. Pinch together, using your index finger to push in the center. Put a dab of hot glue where the foam comes together so the cookie keeps its shape. Glue on a pin. Make up tags or fortunes and glue one end inside the cookie. Hot glue on a pin.

**Category: Jewelry**

**Level: Junior, Cadette, Senior**

**Group Size: small-medium**

**Time: ½ hour**

## GIRL SCOUT WORRY DOLLS

*From MakingFriends.com*

*Guatemalan children tell their worries to dolls and place them under their pillows. According to legend, the dolls take their worries away.*

### **Materials:**

- Flat Slotted Clothespin
- Two Wooden Kitchen Matches
- Embroidery Floss
- Scissors
- Craft Knife
- Fine Point Marker
- Tacky Glue or Low Temp Glue Gun

### **Directions:**

1. Cut the heads off two kitchen matches with a craft knife, or buy craft matchsticks at the craft store or Wal-mart.
2. Use a glue gun to attach one to each side of the clothespin for arms.
3. Use a tiny bit of glue to attach the end of white floss to the back "neck" of the doll.
4. Wrap floss snugly around the neck and down over the top of the matchsticks for shoulders. Continue wrapping under the matchsticks and down to the "waist".
5. Trim floss and secure with a tiny bit of glue to the back of the doll.
6. Wrap both arms in white floss from the shoulders to the "wrists" in the same manner.
7. Use a tiny bit of glue to attach the end of green floss to the back "waist" of the doll.
8. Wrap floss snugly around the hips and down one "leg". Trim and secure floss to "ankle." Wrap the other leg in the same fashion.
9. Wrap a sash on an angle. Secure with a dab of glue at the back of the doll.
10. Choose a hair color. Wrap floss about 10 times around two of your fingers. Tie off with a piece of matching floss. Remove from your fingers and cut loops of floss at the bottom. Glue to the head of the doll spreading out the pieces. Style as desired.

**Category: Dolls**

**Level: Junior, Cadette, Senior**

**Group Size: small-medium**

**Time: ½ - ¾ hour**

## FINGERWEAVE BELT

*From MakingFriends.com*

### Materials:

- Weaving Loops

### Directions:

1. Wrap the first loop around your pinky. Twist it one half turn and loop it around your ring finger.
2. Twist it another half loop and loop it around your middle finger. Another half twist and then around your index finger.
3. Repeat with the second loop.
4. Stretch out the bottom loop from your pinky, Lift it over the top loop and stretch it over to the back of your pinky.
5. Do the same with your the loops on the other three fingers. Continue weaving in this manner. The belt will start to form down the back of your hand. Weave a yard or more of loops.
6. If you need to take a break, slide a pencil or pen through the working loops as you remove them from your fingers. To finish slide loops off your fingers and double knot the last row.

**Category: Jewelry/Apparel**  
**Level: Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior**  
**Group Size: medium-large**  
**Time: ½ hour**

## LANYARD LACINGS

### Materials:

- Flat plastic lacing in a variety of colors
- Split ring
- Beads (optional)

### Directions:

1. For a basic box key fob, measure out approximately 2 yds. of 2 colors if desired (I measure nose tip to outstretched finger tip for 1 yd.) There are many ways to make these and as you get better at it you will develop your own personal style and method of starting. This way works for me.
2. Fold both strands in half
3. You can use a “gimp” device sold in craft stores, or you can learn to do without. Start by crossing the center two strands in the middle to make a “+.” Hold this cross between your thumb and middle finger and place the split ring over your middle finger across the crossed strands
4. Start with the strand that is perpendicular to your thumb and loop the ends over your thumb, one towards your body and the other away from your body. Secure these strands between your index and thumb (strand away from your body) and ring and thumb (strand towards your body). You should have two parallel loops over your thumbnail.
5. Take the end of the second strand over the first strand pointing away from your body and under the loop of the strand pointing towards your body. Do the same thing with the other end of the second strand, reaching through the space between your thumb and index finger to capture the end and bring it over and under the loop on the first strand.
6. Gently pull this first knot into shape, making sure you have secured the split ring, which should resemble a box with four small squares with each end pointing in four different directions
7. Repeat for the length of your key fob (it gets easier as you gain length), pulling each knot very tight (the lacing will stretch a little when you’ve got it tight enough). Take care not to let the lacing turn over, keep it flat.
8. When you have your desired length, tie an overhand knot. You may add beads at the end on all four strands, or just some of them. A dab of glue may help to secure the knot if strands are short.

**Category: Jewelry**

**Level: Junior, Cadette, Senior**

**Group Size: small-medium**

**Time: ½ hour-1 hour**