

# Old Salem Museums & Gardens Girl Scout Patch Program



Old Salem Museums & Gardens, Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
Patches are available for purchase at the Old Salem Visitor Center

# Old Salem Museums & Gardens Patch Requirements

**Daisies and Brownies should complete Requirements #1 and #2 and any four other requirements.**

**Juniors through Seniors should complete Requirements # 1 and #2 and any other six requirements.**

**Some of these requirements may be completed before or after your trip.**

1. Plan your trip to Old Salem Museums & Gardens. Think about some of these things while planning your trip:
  - What should I wear?
  - Should I wear walking shoes?
  - How will I get there?
  - How long will it take to arrive?
  - How much money will I need to take?
  - What and where will you eat?
2. Visit Old Salem Museums & Gardens and research the history of the town of Salem. Find out the answers to these questions:
  - Who were the Moravians?
  - Why were they called Moravians?
  - In what year did the Moravians start building Salem?
  - What was the main language spoken in Salem?
3. Visit at least two exhibit buildings, such as the Vierling House, Boys' School, Tavern, Vogler House or Miksch House.
4. Visit the gardens behind the Miksch House and Single Brothers' House. Why were gardens so important in Salem? How would food from the gardens be preserved for later use?
5. Grow a plant at home. Choose seeds similar to a plant that you observed in one of Old Salem's gardens, such as parsley, potatoes, beans or squash.
6. Take photographs of your favorite sites in Salem and share them with your troop. Which one is your favorite and why?
7. Sample a Moravian cookie at Winkler's Bakery. While at the bakery, learn how Brother Winkler baked in a wood fired oven.
8. Attend a special celebration at Old Salem such as 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Easter, Christmas, or any other special event day, such as Girl Scout Day.
9. Take a walk through God's Acre. What is God's Acre? Find the oldest graves.
10. What musical instrument did you hear in the Saal of the Single Brothers' House? Music was an important part of life in Salem, in church, school and home. Think about how important music is in your life today.

11. During your visit, you will see ribbons of different colors on the caps of girls and women. Find out the meaning of the different ribbon colors. What does a ribbon of cherry red, burgundy, and light pink, blue or white mean?
12. Dress a doll in Moravian style clothing.
13. Research a typical German/Moravian cooking receipt and make it for your troop or family. A receipt from Old Salem's collection is included at the end of this packet for York Gingerbread.
14. Play a game that children in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century would have enjoyed. Children long ago enjoyed games such as rounders, hoops and sticks, marbles, graces and many others. (These can be researched on the internet or at your local library)
15. Find the signs from at least 3 different shopkeepers in Old Salem. Can you find a sign for a merchant, saddler, baker, gunsmith, hat maker or shoemaker?
16. Make a troop scrapbook of photographs and/or drawings of Old Salem.
17. Visit the Old Salem Toy Museum or Old Salem Children's Museum.
18. Visit the Single Sisters' House Museum and learn about the unique role of women in Salem (Operated by Salem College and across the square from T. Bagge Merchant).
19. Visit the St. Philips African-American Church complex. See the film in the St. Philips Log Church. Find Squire's grave in the African-American graveyard.
20. Learn about the trades and occupations practiced by the boys and men in Salem. Visit the Single Brothers' House, Vogler Gunshop or the Shoemaker.

Old Salem Museums & Gardens Information

Website: [www.oldsalem.org](http://www.oldsalem.org)

Old Salem Museums & Gardens is located off of Interstate 40 and 52 in Winston-Salem, NC.

Mayberry's is open for lunches at the Old Salem Visitor Center

The Salem Tavern is open for lunch and dinner

Picnic tables are available by the Visitor Center and the Single Brothers' Garden.

Drinks and snacks available at the Visitor Center and Winkler Bakery

## York Gingerbread

6 teacups sugar, 3 butter, 3 molasses, 3 milk, 9 flour, 1 ginger, 6 eggs, 2 teaspoons pearlash dissolved in two tables spoons of vinegar, 1 cup orange peel and spice. Bake in a loafe.

The above receipt is from the manuscript receipt collection of Louisa Senseman (1822 – 1854). Louisa was the daughter of Salem's silversmith John Vogler. The modern adaptation below has been cut in half but uses the same proportions. Scouts should compare the original receipt to the modern recipe. Notice the lack of directions, difference in name, receipt vs. recipe, difference in measurements, difference in leavening agent, and the quantity and type of spice used is not given but left up to the cook.

### York Gingerbread (Modern Adaptation)

1-cup soft butter  
2-<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cups sugar  
3 eggs  
1-cup molasses  
<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup grated orange peel  
1-teaspoon cinnamon  
1 –teaspoon ginger  
1/8-teaspoon cloves  
1-teaspoon baking soda  
1-tablespoon vinegar  
1-cup milk  
3 1/4 cups flour

Cream soft butter and sugar together. Add 3 eggs, beating after each addition. Add molasses, grated orange peel, cinnamon, and ground cloves. In a separate cup, combine 1-tablespoon vinegar with 1-teaspoon baking soda, and then mix it into butter and sugar mixture. Mix in milk and flour. Pour batter into a greased and floured 9" x 13" pan. Bake at 375 for 50 -55 minutes or until done in middle.