

MAKE A SCOUT PONCHO

Customise an ordinary blanket into a poncho to showcase badges on camp

SUITABLE FOR **CUBS**, SCOUTS, EXPLORERS, NETWORK

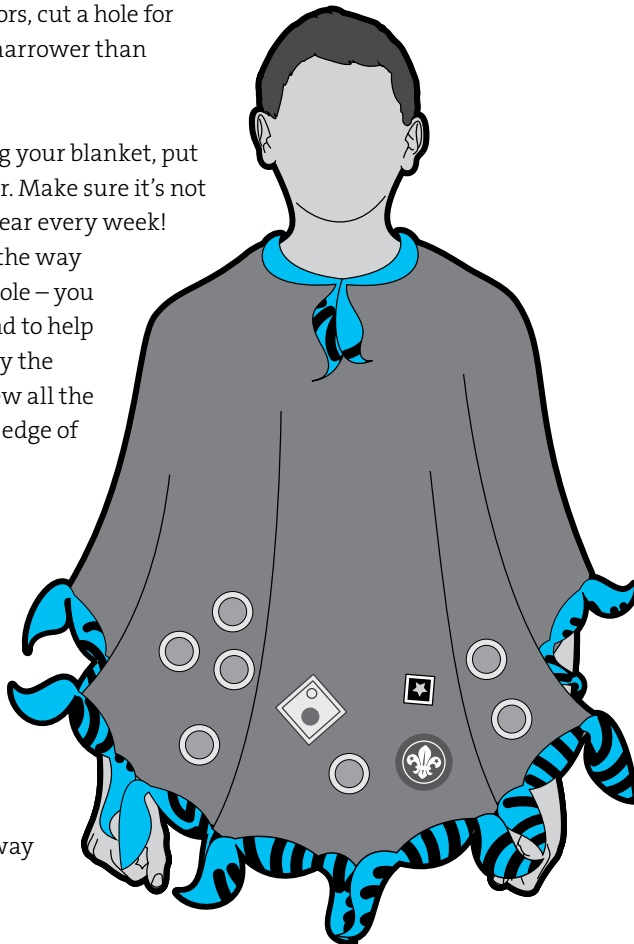
1 Find a blanket. Choose fleece for lightweight warmth, or wool for a super-traditional look that Baden-Powell himself would be proud of.

2 Lie your blanket flat on the floor and fold it along the diagonal. Carefully measure along the longest edge and find the middle. With a sharp pair of scissors, cut a hole for your head that is narrower than your shoulders.

3 While wearing your blanket, put on your necker. Make sure it's not one you need to wear every week! Pin the necker all the way around the head hole – you might need a friend to help keep it straight. Lay the blanket out and sew all the way along the top edge of the necker.

4 With the blanket laid flat, fold your neckers neatly and pin them along the hem of your poncho so the ends hang off the edge. Sew all the way around them.

5 Pin your badges onto the blanket, starting in the middle and working outwards. You could arrange them in the order you got them, or group similar coloured or sized badges together. Sew them on with thread that matches the colour of the badge.



TIME NEEDED
30–45 minutes

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- Blanket
- Scissors
- Ruler or tape measure
- Pins
- Needle and thread
- Neckerchiefs
- Scout badges

THIS ACTIVITY LINKS WITH THE FOLLOWING BADGES



Cubs Artist Activity Badge



Scout Craft Activity Badge



Explorer Creative Arts Activity Badge

OUTCOMES

This activity will not only educate your group about the different dress cultures of other countries, but will also make them aware of how to recycle unwanted household items, such as an old blanket.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

If your group would like the full Mexican combo, they can make their own sombrero by using sheets of newspaper, masking tape, string and some paint. Hola!

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