



Daisy Crafts

Crafts can be a fun addition to a troop meeting. Often, earning petals can be accomplished with crafts, and Girl Scout Daisies generally enjoy creating, so give them the chance to let their creativity shine. Make sure to check [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#) to ensure all safety procedures are being followed.

Tips for teaching crafts:

- Be sure to include any safety instructions that are necessary for the activity. You are working with Daisies, so don't assume too much. They may not know how to hold the scissors or the fact that they shouldn't run with them.
- Give adequate instructions for the activity. Keep these instructions simple. If the activity is simple, little instruction may be necessary; however, if it is very involved or is a new activity, give the instructions twice and then ask if there are any questions. For extremely complicated activities it may be necessary to break the instructions into sections and teach one section at a time.
- Have enough equipment and supplies on hand. At most, two people can share supplies. More than that and the girls tend to get frustrated at having to wait and the activity is less enjoyable. The most common items (scissors, crayons, glue, pencils, paper, etc.) can be kept in a troop supply box. You can ask families to donate or save items, or have a "Troop Birthday" where girls bring supplies as presents for the troop.
- Stick with projects that can be completed in about 15 minutes or less, and be sure that the craft is suitable for the abilities of the Daisies you are working with. If the project is too difficult, they will become frustrated. If it is too simple, they may become bored.
- Allow enough time for the activity. Remember that different girls work at different speeds and most girls will take longer to make a craft than you can make it yourself. Having something extra to do for those who finish early is also a good idea or you could have them help the girls who have not finished yet.
- If necessary, prepare the meeting location for the craft activity. Covering surfaces for messy projects will make clean-up much easier. If supplies can be divided in advance it is easier to hand them out.
- Do the activity yourself before introducing it to the girls. This way, you will be able to identify the pitfalls and problems that may occur with a particular craft. You can also adjust the directions to make the project easier if necessary.
- Do not be tempted to "fix" a girl's project for her if the outcome does not meet your standard. Doing so could make a girl feel like what she did was inadequate.

Sample Daisy Crafts:

Puzzle Pieces Frame

Materials:

- 8 Popsicle sticks per frame
- Lots of multi-colored small puzzle pieces
- Paint (to paint the pieces if desired)
- Tacky glue
- Scissors
- Photo of each girl

Instructions:

1. Have the girls glue the Popsicle sticks into a square shape, a little smaller than the photo, with 2 Popsicle sticks per side.
2. They then glue the puzzle pieces haphazardly around the frame overlapping.
3. Paint the puzzle pieces if desired
4. Once the glue is mostly dry and holding the frame together, glue the photo to the back of the frame. (Optional: glue or tape a piece of clear plastic over the photo first).
5. The girls can finish the back by gluing or taping cardboard over the photo and cardboard for a stand.



"Self-Image" Posters

Materials:

- Black construction paper
- Stand lamp or spot light
- Tape
- Old magazines
- Glue Sticks
- Markers
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Tape the construction paper to the wall
2. Have each girl sit sideways on a stool about 6 inches away from the paper
3. Using a stand-lamp (or a spot light) shine the light on the side of the girl's face so that her profile shadow appears on the black paper
4. Trace her shadow on the black paper
5. Have the girls cut out their image
6. Have the girls glue her black shadow to a piece of large white paper.
7. The girls cut pictures out of old magazines and glue them around their shadow image - pictures of items that are healthy for them, such as fruits and vegetables, toothbrushes/toothpaste, soap, etc. In between the pictures they can write or draw things about themselves that they like, such as talents or things they are especially good at.



Snow Globes from Recycled Baby Food Jars

Materials:

- Clean, dry, baby food jars with lids
- Small plastic objects to put in the jar like forest animals, trees, people
- Water
- Low Temp Hot glue gun
- Glitter
- Liquid glycerin. (available at most drug stores)

Instructions:

1. Start by having an adult help the girls hot glue the small objects to the inside of the baby food jar lid.
2. Fill the jar about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way full with water.
3. Add the glitter. (as much as you like)
4. Add 2 tsp. glycerin.
5. Close the jar tightly. (the objects will be upside down)
6. Seal generously with hot glue. (adult help if needed here as well)
7. Let the glue dry, and when it is turned over, you have your own snow globe.





Sit Upon

Your girls will often have to sit on the floor or on the ground so sit-upons are handy to have. The name says it all. It's a padded mat for the girls to sit upon. There are several methods to making sit-upons.

One durable way is to use felt backed plastic table cloth material and cut-down sample carpet pads as filler. Cut the material into a rectangle of 26" x 13" and fold in half. Using a hole-punch, punch holes around the three open sides about an inch away from one another. Cut the carpet pad to a 12" x 12" square. Fold the material around the carpet pad and use yarn to lace up through the holes securing the pad in the material. Tie off securely.

A low-cost or no-cost method for making sit-upons is to go to a wallpaper store and ask for old sample books. Invite the girls to choose two pieces of wallpaper and cut them out of the book. Punch holes about an inch in from the edge and about 1 inch apart all the way around both pieces of wallpaper. For filler ask the girls to collect newspapers. Roll each page into a long tube and lay them side by side on one of the pieces of wallpaper. Either leave them side by side or weave them into a pattern to make them stable. Lay the other piece of wallpaper on top, lining up the holes. Using yarn or string show the girls how to "stitch" the two pieces together with the newspaper inside.

