

# Crafter



The Woodcraft Folk



# Forward

The Crafter badge is about encouraging Pioneers' creativity and improving their basic skills such as hand-eye coordination and motor skills. It also is designed to help foster a feeling of belonging to the group through the creation of a group flag or banner.



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## Learning Objectives

- To develop their creative side.
- To improve basic skills.
- To foster a sense of belonging to their Pioneer group.



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## Tests

- 1) To help produce a group banner or flag.
- 2) To produce another peice of craftwork.





# Activities

- **Group banner or flag:**

The aim of this test is to produce a flag or banner for the Pioneer group. It's really important that everyone in the group can feel they have helped to create the flag or banner, and feel a sense of group ownership of it. Set your expectations based on the abilities of those in the group, no one is expected to be an amazing artist, the important thing is that Pioneers show determination and dedication to doing the best job that they can.

You'll first need to agree on a design. This can be virtually anything they like, however it must have the name of their group displayed clearly. Get the Pioneers into pairs or small groups and ask them to come up with a design for the flag or banner. Then get them back together and get each group to show their design and explain why they did it the way they have, e.g. we wanted it to be really bright and colourful, we wanted to put a big oak tree on it because we're Oak Tree Pioneers, etc. As a group discuss which bits you like of each of the different designs. Then agree on a final design. You could do this as a large group, or each group could come up with new 'final' designs which you could vote on. Try to make sure that something from everyone's original designs makes it into the final one.

The flag or banner itself can be made any way you like, painting an old sheet is the easiest way, but you could paint separate patches and then sew them on instead. Make sure you don't rush making it so that the end result is something everyone can take pride in. The flag should be displayed at group nights as well as camps or events.





# Activities

- **Craftwork:**

This can be any piece of craftwork requiring a reasonable amount of skill and dedication to be demonstrated. It can include sewing, embroidery, painting, drawing, carving, mosaic, collage making or any other craft.

It can also link well to another badge, e.g. personalising a Woodcraft Folk shirt would count for the Pioneer badge.

Lot's of craft ideas to inspire you can be found at:  
<https://woodcraft.org.uk/resources/craft-craft-craft>





# Resources

## Example Banners / Flags

