

# Doll Badge

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## **Otters: Choose four requirements including those starred.**

\*1. Manufactured dolls, such as baby dolls and fashion dolls, can be found all over the world. Other dolls vary from place to place. Costume dolls made as souvenirs (wearing native dresses) and traditional dolls (made using native handicraft skills and local materials) are the ones that vary from place to place. See if you can find an example of a manufactured baby doll, fashion doll (with lots of clothes), a souvenir doll and a traditional doll from another culture. If you don't know someone with all these types of dolls, look at a store or museum.

\*2. Choose two of the following:

- a) Save up your money to buy a new doll to give to someone who hasn't any.
- b) Make your own doll from fabric or purchased parts. A kit that has everything is fine.
- c) Host a tea party for at least one friend and her doll(s). Make an invitation to send or give your friend(s). You will need to decide whether to have real food and drinks or pretend ones. You need to help with cleaning up beforehand and afterwards.
- d) Make something for your doll or a friend's doll—a garment, a bouquet, a toy, etc.
- e) Go to some thrift stores or rummage sales and look for items that are a miniature version of the normal. See how many things you can find that would work with dolls even if they weren't originally intended for dolls. Make a list to show your troop leader, or if you are allowed to buy the items, show the items to your troop. In this way, doll play encourages recycling.

3. With a parent's permission, do a major doll cleaning. You can do this for a nursery at a church, a preschool, a friend who is ill, or at your own home. This should include washing all the doll clothes that are dirty, washing off the faces & bodies of any dirty dolls, donating some dolls if you have too many, sorting all doll accessories, and neatly arranging your clean dolls.
4. Watch a movie or read a well-illustrated book about how dolls are made. If the movie or book are short (take 15 minutes or less), you should find another that tells about other types of dolls, too. Or you can tour a doll factory.
5. Find a song or poem about dolls and memorize it.
6. Read a book (such as Patty Reed's Doll or William's Doll) or watch a movie wherein a doll has a central role.

## **Dolphins: choose five requirements, including those starred.**

\*1. Do Otter 1 and 2. If you are repeating this badge, you will need to find four new dolls for #1 and be sure to do new things for #2.

\*2. Learn about the history of dolls. If your family collects old dolls, you can make a presentation to your troop about the dolls you have. At least one doll should be over fifty years old. Be sure to show your friends what has changed in the way dolls are made. If your family doesn't have a lot of old dolls, you will need to read from at least two sources about doll history or visit a doll display or museum that has over one hundred antique dolls.

3. Same as Otter #3, but needs to include the combing or tying back of the dolls' hair.
4. Same as Otter #4, but use different books or movies if you are repeating the badge.

5. Same as Otter #5, but you will need to perform the song or poem for an audience of more than ten people.
6. Same as Otter #6, choosing a new book or movie if you are repeating the badge.
7. Paint, draw, or photograph some friends and their dolls. Frame the portraits and give them to your friends.

**Butterflies: choose six requirements, including those starred:**

\*1. Do Otter #1 and #2. If you are repeating the badge, make sure you choose activities that are different enough to please your troop leader. For instance, you may make a doll garment this time if you made a doll toy last time. Cloth doll kits with the fabric pieces already cut out cannot be used by Butterflies for Otter #2 (b). If you choose to make a fabric doll, you will need to use a pattern.

\*2. Do Dolphin #2, but use different books, dolls, or a different museum.

3. Same as Dolphin #3.
4. Same as Dolphin #4.
5. Same as Dolphin #5, but with a new song or poem if you are repeating.
6. Same as Dolphin #6
7. Same as Dolphin #7.
8. Organize a doll & stuffed animal drive for a shelter that needs them. Keep collecting until you have a minimum of twenty to donate.
9. Host some kind of doll extravaganza other than a tea party. You must have a minimum of three guests. This could be some other type of doll party than a tea party, but you will need to be quite extensive—favors for people to take home, take several photos of each guest, or make a scrapbook page for each attendee. You will need to provide real food for your friends. Your party could be a class on how to make doll food or doll clothes. Or you could invite an adult friend to share her collection with your friends as part of the occasion.

**Eagles: choose seven requirements including those starred.**

\*1. Help an Otter or Dolphin with her starred requirements for the Doll Badge.

\*2. Make a list of things that are good about dolls and a list of ways in which one should guard against misuse. For your list of good things about dolls, find a picture, anecdote or story to go with half of the items on your list. Examples of good things would be that dolls can foster the imagination or bring comfort to a sick child. Misuse of dolls would include their collecting dust. Discuss the differences of opinion about fashion dolls that have a lot of makeup and immodest clothing.

3. Same as Dolphin #3, but it needs to be done twice.
4. If you did not earn the Doll Badge as a Butterfly, you may do Butterfly #1 and #2.
5. Collect at least five different books, movies, songs, or poems about dolls. Critique them and share your insights with your troop. Include any thoughts you have about how they could have been better.

6. Write, perform/film, or help perform/film a story about a child and a doll.
7. Same as Dolphin #7, but for a minimum of five friends.
8. Same as Butterfly #8.
9. Same as Butterfly #9. This project should take a minimum of ten hours.
10. Find a less-fortunate young child, a shelter, a hospital, etc. that has dolls but very little or no extra clothes, accessories, doll furniture, etc. Make or adapt at least ten items to give her/them.
11. Shadow for at least four hours a person who runs a doll hospital or makes fancy dolls or doll paraphernalia. You need to observe more than one task being done.
12. Research the amount of money that could be made from selling someone's doll collection of at least twenty dolls. This needs to be an actual collection, but it does not matter whether the owner is actually planning to sell or not.

#### Web Links

##### Japanese Friendship Dolls

<http://wgordon.web.wesleyan.edu/dolls/index.htm>

