

## THE SOCIETY OF DECORATIVE PAINTERS PATCH

This patch program is designed to help girls learn about the Society of Decorative Painters (SDP). Girls along with a member of SDP will try their hands at being a decorative painter. This program is for all levels of Girl Scouting.

**NOTE:** This patch is done in conjunction with a member of the Society of Decorative Painters. Contact Maureen VanHerpe at [wooditemsandmore@verizon.net](mailto:wooditemsandmore@verizon.net) (or call 401-949-3550) for assistance in completing this program.

Complete 6 out of the 11 activities to earn this patch. #1 and #2 activities are to be done with or guided by a member of SDP.

1. Learn about SDP in your community or state. Information can be found on the Internet or your local library. Invite a member of SDP to your meeting.
2. Learn the history of SDP and how it got its start in the United States and around the world.
3. Learn about color. What is your favorite color and why?
4. Try your hand at finger painting (create animals from a thumb print).
5. Do some water color picture cards to share or use as a thank you card.
6. Create your own style of painting using recycled items like a cereal box to make your own treasure box. Try stenciling or trace items to decorate with acrylic or poster paint.
7. How are colors made? Using food coloring, paint or chalks, find out what colors can be made from other colors.
8. Make a stamp or learn to use stamps to create a sign. This sign can be used for your room or given as a gift. Stamps can be made from sponges, potatoes, soap or elastics.
9. With your troop/group make a mural, each sharing their talents. This can be done with paper, recycled Sheets, or anything that can be used as a banner for display.
10. Using a pattern from a SDP member learn how they paint and/or do their decorative art work. You may want to work on a project together.
11. Make a decorative item for your home. The item should be functional yet something that will brighten your day or others around you. Some ideas might be a clock, a shelf, a shirt, a card or spoon holder, etc.

Have fun with color and enjoy decorative arts!

Patches can be purchased from an SDP member or at Wood Items & More  
576 Putnam Pike, Smithfield, RI 02828.

