

BRIDGING TO BROWNIES



Bridging to the next level of Girl Scouts is a long-time tradition. Plan a ceremony that fits your troops' personality! Think about how girls can help plan the ceremony. The two most important parts of the bridging ceremony are saying goodbye to being Daisies and being welcomed into Brownies.

STEP 1

Create an invitation for the girls to send to their families and friends. The invitation can be printed, hand-made, or even online! Ask girls to give suggestions of what the invitation should include.

STEP 2

Create a poster of flower petals with each girl's name on a petal. If you use a poster board, the flower stem can be 18 inches, the flower center 5 inches and write your troop number. Each girl will be given a 12-inch-long Daisy petal with her name on it to attach to the poster with tape at the beginning of the ceremony.

STEP 3

Your troop forms a horseshoe around the Daisy flower poster they made, with the open end facing the bridge. The bridge can be an actual bridge (such as in a park) or something that symbolizes a bridge (such as paper strips in the outline of a bridge or a printed photo of a bridge). On the other side of the bridge is your troop's co-leader and one to two Girl Scout Brownies you invite to be a part of your bridging ceremony.

Leader says each line and girls repeat:

"When I was a very young girl
I wore Daisy blue,
I learned the joy of singing
With Daisy friends so true.
But now that I am older
I'll wear a vest or sash of brown,
I'll take along my happy smile
To Brownies I am bound!"

Leader asks:

"Are you ready to cross over to be Brownie Girl Scouts?"

Girls say:

"As you can plainly see
We are really ready to be
Brand new Brownie Girl Scouts!"



STEP 4

Leader reads the Brownie Story:

“Once upon a time, there were two little girls who lived with their father and granny. The girls played all day while their father and granny worked very hard. One day Granny told the girls about the Brownies, who used to do lots of things to help around the house. “They are gone now”, she said, “but we were always so much happier when they helped.” The girls wanted to know where the Brownies had gone and how to get them to come back. Granny said “Only the wise old owl knows!” That night when everyone else was asleep, one of the girls went into the magic forest. There she found the wise old owl. “Please, where can I find the Brownies to come live with us?” she asked. The owl said, “I know where two live – right in your house!” The girl was very surprised. “Tell me how to find them,” she begged.

The owl told her to go to the pond in the forest, turn around three times and say “Twist me and turn me and show me the elf, I looked in the water and saw! When you finish the rhyme, you will see the Brownie in the magic pond.” The girl went to the pond in the magic forest and did as she was told by the owl. She went back to the forest and told the owl, “Something must be wrong, I did what you told me and I only saw myself! And I am not a Brownie.” “Are you sure?” said the owl. “To be a Brownie, you must be ready to help those around you, make friends wherever you can, and every day try to discover something new.” “I’d like to be a Brownie,” said the girl. “Then go home and try,” the wise old owl said kindly. He touched her hand with his feathers, and suddenly she was back in her house, in her own bed. She woke up her sister and told her what had happened. Together the girls tip-toed into the kitchen and began to clean the house.

In the morning when Father and Granny saw the clean house, they wanted to know what happened. “Who did this?” they said. The girls danced around and shouted, “It’s the Brownies!” And from that day on, theirs was a very happy house near the forest, all because of the Brownies.”

Call each girl’s name to walk over the bridge. At the other end of the bridge she’ll be joined by her Brownie sister(s). She’ll look in the water (you can use a mirror in a round blue container) and repeat the poem:

“Twist me and turn me and show me the elf. I looked in the water and saw myself!”

Leader presents the girls with their Brownie uniform. After all girls have crossed the bridge, their Brownie sister(s) teach(es) them the classic Brownie Smile Song (lyrics and melody from the VTK); <https://youtu.be/NvNv6XW0Szc>. She can talk about some of the fun things she’s done so far with her Brownie troop. The ceremony ends with congratulations from the troop’s families.

BRIDGING RESOURCES

You can present girls with a Girl Scout Brownie Bridging Certificate, Brownie uniform and Bridge to Brownie Award*. We've included a sheet showing the Brownie uniform components if your troop chooses to purchase them for the ceremony.

*Earning the Bridging To Brownie award is optional. There are two steps: Sharing what it's like to be a Daisy with younger girls and learning about the fun adventures the girls will have as Brownies.

- Make something to share with a kindergarten Daisy troop at your school. One option is to make a troop poster welcoming the kindergarten troop to their second year of Daisies. The girls can draw their favorite Daisy memories and/or write messages. You can even offer to come to one of their meetings next year to tell them about being Brownies!
- The second step is earned when you invite a Brownie to be part of your bridging ceremony and she teaches girls the Brownie Smile Song.

Girl Scout Brownie Bridging Certificates are available for purchase in the Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri Shop (\$0.75 each). The certificate is also included as part of the Brownie Bridge Kit which is sold in-store and online girlscoutshop.com/Bridge-to-Brownie-Kit_2 for \$8. In addition to the Brownie bridging certificate, the kit includes a Daisy Membership Disc, Girl Scout Membership Star pin, colorful Bridging Pencil, exclusive new Bridging Patch and Bridge to Brownie iron-on award (if earned).

The following equipment is available for check-out on a first come, first served basis from the Emerson Resource Center:

- Daisy Petals Ceremony Kit – includes a fabric covered board with removable petals, leaves and a sheet of instructions (limited number available)
- Flags (American, Girl Scout, Daisy)
- Flag Stands
- White Gloves
- Red Sashes

Digital Scrapbook/Video

 Collect troop photos from the year and ask families to contribute photos of their Daisy in her uniform and her favorite troop memories. You can make a troop digital scrapbook or video to share with the families.

**Congratulations on bridging to
a Brownie troop!**

**You and your Girl Scouts are
going to have so many fun
new adventures.**

**We appreciate your dedication
and leadership!**



Brownie Smile Song

by Harriet Heywood

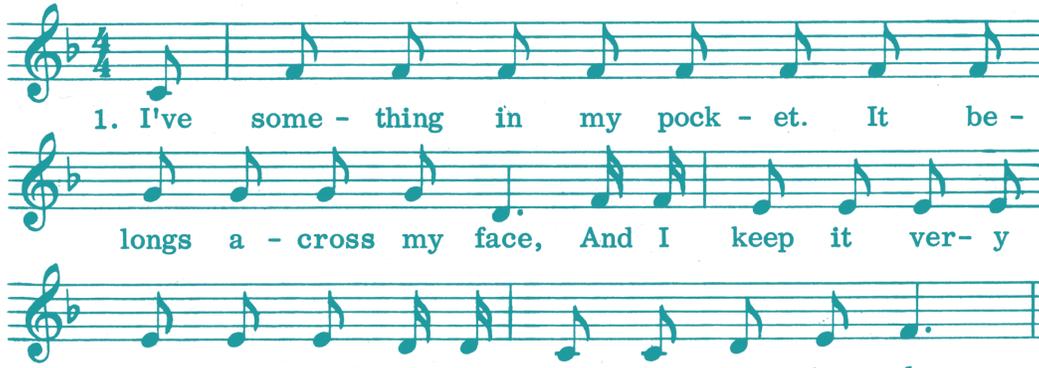


I've something in my pocket.  It belongs across my face, 

 And I keep it very close at hand, in a most convenient place. 

I'm sure you couldn't guess it  If you guessed a long, long while,

 So I'll take it out, and put it on—It's a great big Brownie Smile! 



1. I've some - thing in my pock - et. It be -
longs a - cross my face, And I keep it ver - y
close at hand In a most con - ven - ient place.

Girl Scout Brownie

Place your first Journey awards at the bottom of your vest. As you earn additional Journey awards, work your way up.

If your Journey awards and badges don't fit on the front of your vest or sash, you can wear them on the back.



Place your Journey awards above your badges.



American Flag Patch

Girl Scout Council Identification Set

Troop Crest

Troop Numerals

Membership Stars and Discs

Bridge to Girl Scout Brownie Award

My Promise, My Faith Pins

Cookie Sale Activity Pin

Safety Award Pin

Girl Scout Brownie Badges

World Thinking Day Award

Global Action Award

Brownie Insignia Tab

World Trefoil Pin

Girl Scout Brownie Membership Pin

Journey Summit Award Pins

Journey Award Badges

Journey Book	\$ 7.00
Handbook	\$ 8.00
Memory Book	\$ 4.95
Badge Activity Set	\$ 4.00
Journey Award Badges	\$ 6.00
Badges	\$ 3.00
My Promise, My Faith Award	\$ 4.00
Safety Award	\$ 4.00
Journey Summit Award	\$ 3.50
Vest	\$20.50
Sash	\$ 9.00
Henley	\$20.00
Scarf	\$12.00

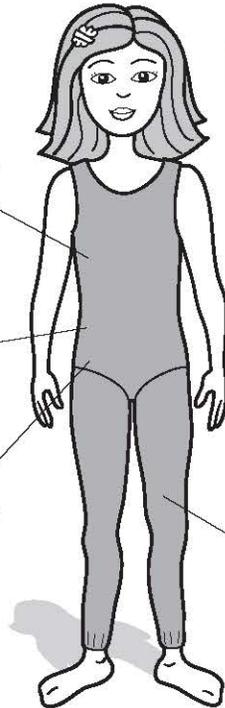
Insignia Tab	\$ 3.25
USA Flag Patch	\$ 2.50
Council ID Set	\$ 6.50
Troop Numbers	\$ 1.95
Troop Crest	\$ 2.00
Brownie Membership Pin	\$ 2.50
World Trefoil Pin	\$ 2.50
Membership Star	\$ 1.75
Disc (each)	\$ 0.10
Bridge to Junior Award	\$ 3.00
Bridging Wings	\$ 1.75

Girl Scout Size Chart

Chest: Bring tape around body under each arm and over your shoulder blades. Number of inches is your measurement.

Waist: Keeping one finger between the tape and your body, measure around the point where your pants waist normally rides. For wearing comfort, measure over shirt (not over pants).

Hips: Measure around the fullest part of seat while standing. Hold tape firmly, but not tight.



Inseam: Measure a pair of pants that fit you well from crotch seam to the bottom of pant leg. Measurement to the nearest 1/2" is your inseam length.

Variations in sizing may occur. Some items may not conform to this chart.

CHECK APPAREL SIZES

Check the Size Chart before ordering to determine correct size.

CUSTOMIZED UNIFORMS

Special sizes in sashes and vests can be custom ordered for an additional cost. Contact our buying office at GSMBuying@girlscouts.org or call 212-852-8137. Custom orders are unavailable for the Cadette, Senior, Ambassador cargo vest and pocket sash.

GIRLS' SIZES FOR DAISY, BROWNIE AND JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS (AGES 5-10)

	XXS	XS	S	M	L	XL	PS	PM	PL	PXL
Size	4/5	6/6X	7/8	10/12	14/16	18/20	8½	10½-12½	14½-16½	18½-20½
Height	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-58	59-62	63-65	51-54	55-58	59-62	63-65
Bust	22-23	24-25	26-27	28-30	31-33	34-36	29-30	31-33	35-36	37-39
Waist	21-22	22-23	22½-23½	24-25	26-27	28-29	26-27	28-29	30-31	32-33
Hip	24-25	25-26	27-29	30-32	33-36	37-39	31-32	33-35	36-39	40-43

TEEN SIZES FOR CADETTE, SENIOR, AND AMBASSADOR GIRL SCOUTS (AGES 11-17)

	S		M		L		XL		1X		2X		3X	
Size	3/4	5/6	7/8	9/10	11/12	13/14	15/16	17/18	16W	18W	20W	22W	24W	26W
Bust	32½	33½	34½	35½	36-37	38	39-40	40½-42	43	45	47	49	51	53
Waist	24½	25½	26½	27½	28-29	30	31½	33	36	38	40	42	44½	47
Hip	35	36	37	38	39½	41	42½	44	45	47	49	51	53	55

MISSSES' SIZES

	XS		S		M		L		XL	
Size	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	
Bust	33	34	35	36	37½	39	40½	42½	44½	
Waist	25	26	27	28	29½	31	32½	34½	36½	
Hip	35½	36½	37½	38½	40	41½	43	45	47	

WOMEN'S SIZES

	1X		2X		3X		4X		5X	
Size	16W	18W	20W	22W	24W	26W	28W	30W	32W	34W
Bust	43	45	47	49	51	53	55	57	59	61
Waist	36	38	41	43	45	47	50	53	55	57
Hip	45½	47½	50	52	54	56½	58	60	61½	63½

SOCK SIZES

	Equivalent	Shoe Size
Small	5-6½	6-10½
Medium	7-8½	9-2½
Large	9-11	3-10