

# Trefoil challenge



## Aim of activity

You're 1 in 11 million! Explore World Thinking Day and create a giant trefoil to celebrate guiding as a global movement!

## What you'll get out of it

- Explore the meaning behind the trefoil on the World Badge.
- Discover what World Thinking Day is.

## What you'll need

- Selection of items to make the mosaic. For example, uniforms, badges, paper, newspaper, beads, coins, buttons, natural items, string, wool, fabric or natural items like sticks, stones and leaves.
- Picture of the World Badge, 1 per patrol
- Internet access (optional)



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AND GIRL SCOUTS



Get  
guiding



45  
minutes



Give it a go

Unit meeting activity



## Note to leader

There's some information about World Thinking Day and the trefoil in this activity. You can add anything else you know or want to share as well. One of the challenges requires 153 items. A week before, ask Guides to bring items from home.

## What to do

World Thinking Day, celebrated on 22 February since 1926, is a day of international friendship for over 11 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in over 150 countries. World Thinking Day is all about exploring new ideas, connecting with others and shaping your own future.

**1** Get into your patrols, your leader will give you a picture of the trefoil on the World Badge. It's a special trefoil that unites everyone in **The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)**.

**2** As a patrol, you have 3 minutes to memorise the trefoil. Focus on colours, shapes, and positions. Try splitting it up, so each patrol member takes a part.

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The gold colour on blue stands for the sun shining on children all over the world. The 3 leaves show the 3 parts of the promise. The bottom of the stalk is a flame that means love for everyone. The line in the middle (the needle) is like a compass, helping you find the right path. And the 2 stars are a reminder of the promise and law.  
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**3** Give back the trefoil pictures. Now, as a unit, choose 1 of the trefoil challenges.

### Trefoil challenges

- Each patrol builds 1 part of the trefoil. Photograph and combine the creations.
- Each patrol makes a full trefoil. Most creative wins!
- Create 1 big trefoil using exactly 153 objects, 1 for each WAGGGS country.

**4** Time to create your trefoil masterpiece! Use lots of objects and get creative. You've got 25 minutes.

## Try it this way

Need a memory boost? 2 Guides per patrol; each can have 30 seconds to check the picture again at some point in your 25 minutes. Your trefoil doesn't need to be perfect, make it your own!

**5** Time's up! Compare your trefoil with the picture, how did you do? Can you remember what each part of the trefoil represents? Together explain and share the different meanings.

**6** Snap a photo of your trefoil, share it with another unit (it could be one in another country), challenge them to make their own and show them you're thinking of them this World Thinking Day!

## Take it further

You'll see similar icons to the trefoil in the logos of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in different countries. Design your own special symbol which represents your unit and what guiding means to you.

