



# Lunar New Year Patch of the Month

Lunar New Year is a holiday celebrated around the world during the months of January and February. It symbolizes the beginning of the first moon cycle of the year. Lunar New Year is commonly celebrated by Asian cultures and in countries such as China, Korea, Vietnam, and Tibet. This patch program is designed to introduce Girl Scouts to the unique traditions associated with this yearly holiday!





# About Patch of the Month

Looking for some additional fun activities for your troop or just to do on your own? Each month, girls can discover, connect, and Take Action in a specific subject area. Hands-on activities are available for all Girl Scout levels and can be done at meetings, as a pre-meeting activity, or as an at-home project.

Patch of the Month programs provide Girl Scouts an opportunity to enjoy a variety of activities while earning a fun patch. Patch programs are available to Girl Scouts of all grade levels. Completing patch programs can help complete a Journey and may satisfy requirements for certain badges. It's not necessary to complete the patch programs in the months specified—they can be completed at any time! All fun patches are placed on the back of the vest or sash.

## Patch of the Month Evaluation

Once you have completed the program activities, please be sure to fill out the [Patch of the Month Evaluation](#).

## How to Order Patches

Visit the GSK Shop in-person or use the GSK Shop Order Form by clicking [here](#) to purchase your patch for \$2.00 each!



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Throughout January and February, Asian cultures around the world celebrate Lunar New Year. We invite you to take this opportunity to learn more about the culture and traditions associated with this holiday. We've got plenty of activities to choose from, so you can make new discoveries and have tons of fun learning while earning a fun patch.

## Number of activities required to get the patch:

Daisy (3) • Brownie (4) • Junior (6) • Cadette (8) • Senior (10) • Ambassador (12)

### Theme

### Activities

**Art**  
(dance, music,  
theater,  
painting, etc.)

1. Visit this [website](#) to listen to music about plum blossoms, melting snow, and arrival of springtime.
2. Learn about common instruments used in music made for Lunar New Year.
3. Research artwork that symbolizes the Lunar New Year.
4. The Lion Dance is a traditional dance often performed during Lunar New Year. Watch three different videos of unique Lion Dance performances
5. Explore commonly used decorations for Lunar New Year and craft one for your own home!

**Community Traditions**  
(food, folklore,  
origins, etc.)

6. How is the date of the Lunar New Year determined?
7. In Korea, Lunar New Year traditions may be different. How do people in Korea celebrate Seollal, their version of Lunar New Year?
8. Read a story about Losar, the Tibetan celebration of Lunar New Year.
9. Research the foods prepared for a traditional New Year banquet.
10. Prepare a dish that is commonly eaten during Lunar New Year Celebrations.
11. What is the Lantern Festival?
12. If you want the new year to bring you luck, what foods would you eat to bring you luck during your Lunar New Year celebration?

**Discovery**  
(learn, watch,  
read, etc.)

13. What other names does the holiday of Lunar New Year go by around the world? Calculate your Lunar New Year age – how is it different than your traditional American age?
14. Compare and contrast the Lunar New Year traditions of two different countries (China, Korea, Vietnam, etc.).
15. Make a list of ten ways that Lunar New Year celebrations have changed over the past ten years.
16. Research and list the dates for the Lunar New Year of 2024, 2025, and 2026.
17. How is the Lunar calendar different from the calendar traditionally observed in the United States?