

## STAMP COLLECTING MERIT BADGE WORKBOOK

This Scoutmaster Bucky Merit Badge Workbook is based off the current *Scouts BSA Requirements*.

Consider also using the Stamp Collecting merit badge class preparation page for clarification and expectations when participating in a Scoutmaster Bucky merit badge opportunity ([online](#) or [in-person](#)).

<https://scoutmasterbucky.com/merit-badges/stamp-collecting/>

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**REQUIREMENT 1:** Do the following:

**REQUIREMENT 1 A:** Discuss how you can better understand people, places, institutions, history, and geography as a result of collecting stamps.

**REQUIREMENT 1 B:** Briefly describe some aspects of the history, growth, and development of the United States postal system. Tell how it is different from postal systems in other countries.

**REQUIREMENT 2:** Define topical stamp collecting. Name and describe three other types of stamp collections.

**REQUIREMENT 3:** Show at least ONE example of each of the following:

**REQUIREMENT 3 A:** Perforated and imperforate stamps

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**REQUIREMENT 3 B:** Mint and used stamps

Completed

**REQUIREMENT 3 C:** Sheet, booklet, and coil stamps

Completed

**REQUIREMENT 3 D:** Numbers on plate block, booklet, or coil, or marginal markings

Completed

**REQUIREMENT 3 E:** Overprint and surcharge

Completed

**REQUIREMENT 3 F:** Metered mail

Completed

**REQUIREMENT 3 G:** Definitive, commemorative, semipostal, and airmail stamps

Completed

**REQUIREMENT 3 H:** Cancellation and postmark

Completed

**REQUIREMENT 3 I:** First day cover

Completed

**REQUIREMENT 3 J:** Postal stationery (aerogramme, stamped envelope, and postal card)

Completed

**REQUIREMENT 4:** Do the following:

**REQUIREMENT 4 A:** Demonstrate the use of ONE standard catalog for several different stamp issues. Explain why catalog value can vary from the corresponding purchase price.

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**REQUIREMENT 4 B:** Explain the meaning of the term *condition* as used to describe a stamp. Show examples that illustrate the different factors that affect a stamp's value.

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**REQUIREMENT 5:** Demonstrate the use of at least THREE of the following stamp collector's tools:

**REQUIREMENT 5 A:** Stamp tongs

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**REQUIREMENT 5 B:** Water and tray

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**REQUIREMENT 5 C:** Magnifiers

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**REQUIREMENT 5 D:** Hinges and stamp mounts

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**REQUIREMENT 5 E:** Perforation gauge

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**REQUIREMENT 5 F:** Glassine envelopes and cover sleeves

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**REQUIREMENT 5 G:** Watermark fluid

Completed

**REQUIREMENT 6:** Do the following:

**REQUIREMENT 6 A:** Show a stamp album and how to mount stamps with or without hinges. Show at least ONE page that displays several stamps.

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**REQUIREMENT 6 B:** Discuss at least THREE ways you can help to preserve stamps, covers, and albums in first-class condition.

**REQUIREMENT 7:** Do at least TWO of the following:

**REQUIREMENT 7 A:** Design a stamp, cancellation, or cachet.

**REQUIREMENT 7 B:** Visit a post office, stamp club, or stamp show with an experienced collector. Explain what you saw and learned.

**REQUIREMENT 7 C:** Write a review of an interesting article from a stamp newspaper, magazine, book, or website (with your parent's permission).

**REQUIREMENT 7 D:** Research and report on a famous stamp-related personality or the history behind a particular stamp.

**REQUIREMENT 7 E:** Describe the steps taken to produce a stamp. Include the methods of printing, types of paper, perforation styles, and how they are gummed.

**REQUIREMENT 7 F:** Prepare a two- to three-page display involving stamps. Using ingenuity, as well as clippings, drawings, etc., tell a story about the stamps and how they relate to history, geography, or a favorite topic of yours.

**REQUIREMENT 8:** Mount and show, in a purchased or homemade album, ONE of the following:

**REQUIREMENT 8 A:** A collection of 250 or more different stamps from at least 15 countries.

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**REQUIREMENT 8 B:** A collection of a stamp from each of 50 different countries, mounted on maps to show the location of each.

Completed

**REQUIREMENT 8 C:** A collection of 100 or more different stamps from either one country or a group of closely related countries.

Completed

**REQUIREMENT 8 D:** A collection of 75 or more different stamps on a single topic. (Some interesting topics are Scouting, birds, insects, the Olympics, sports, flowers, animals, ships, holidays, trains, famous people, space, and medicine.) Stamps may be from different countries.

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**REQUIREMENT 8 E:** A collection of postal items discovered in your mail by monitoring it over a period of 30 days. Include at least five different types listed in requirement 3.

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