

Girl Scout SWAPS

Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere

SWAPS are a Girl Scout craft in which girls trade with each other to promote friendship. When girls swap their pins, they make new friends, and that is what girl scouting is all about! I might be making these with my troop or on my own.

Because building friendships is part of swapping, attaching one's name and troop number on the back of a swap is a good idea. If the swap is a part of a special Scout event, listing that event and the date of that event on the back of the swap is also a nice touch.

Finally, there is some etiquette attached to swapping.

*When you make your swaps, try to think about making something to represent you, your troop, or some other unique factor about you. Additionally, think about what kind of swap you like to receive and make something you think others would like.

*Ideally, swaps should be handmade, but they do not have to be expensive. The important part is to give something of yourself.

*Remember to ensure that your swap can be worn (generally this means attaching a pin).

*Carry or wear your swaps for trade separately from the ones you collect, and remember to say thank you and introduce yourself. Remember, swapping is about making friends.

*Of course, girls should always remember to "be a sister to every Girl Scout," but more specifically remind them never to refuse to trade a swap when someone asks.