

How I Sew My Badges

With lots of exciting summer residential coming up, now is the perfect time to catch up on your camp blanket badge sewing! I've put together some steps on how I sew mine.

1. Positioning your badges

Lay your item out flat and choose what portion you want your badge to go into. It can help to pin the badges in place.

Top tip – If you have lots of badges, try to lay them all out in advance so you can maximise space. Take a photo so you know what you've put where!



2. Choosing your thread

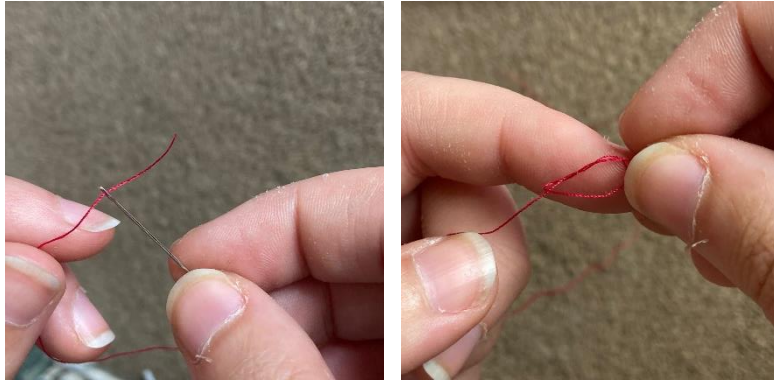
I use a thread that matches the item I'm sewing the badge on to; in this case, a raspberry colour.



3. Preparing your thread

You will need to cut a piece of thread long enough to go around your badge twice. Thread your needle, then tie a knot in the end.

Top tip – Thread the knot through the hole two or three times to help make the knot larger and more secure.



4. Starting your badge

Make a small stitch coming out by the rim of the badge and pull the thread through. Be careful not to pull the knot through.

Top tip – Starting the stitch behind where the badge will sit will help to hide the knot.



5. Sewing around the badge

Thread the needle through the binding of the badge, pulling the thread through, then stitch it into the fabric. Keep the stitches small and try to keep the entry and exit points as close as possible so the thread can't be seen. Continue sewing all the way around the badge.

Top tip – If the badge doesn't have a binding, you'll need to thread through the body of the badge. When doing this, use a thread colour to match the badge.



6. Securing the end

Stitch 3-5 stitches past where you started to fully secure the badge. Make a small stitch through the fabric, keeping the needle in place. Wrap the thread around the sharp end of the needle 2-3 times, then pull the thread through. This will create a knot. Make sure it's tight. Finish off with another stitch through the same hole.



7. Hiding the end

Thread your needle between the badge and blanket, then out through the face of the badge. Pull the thread tight, then trim the end as close to the badge as possible. This will hide the end between the badge and blanket.



8. Finished badge!

Congratulations on sewing your badge! It looks incredible.



You may also want to keep a sewing bag with your camp blanket ready for those new badges! I include:

- Thread to match my blanket
- Scissors
- Stich unpicker
- Various needles
- Pins

Top tip – Make two bags, one with “sew” and one with “swap”.

