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# Detailed Outline

**5: PATCH REQUIREMENTS FOR PIRATE ADVENTURES** is the section of the booklet that details what needs to be accomplished in order to earn each patch.

**6: FASCINATING FACTS** are facts that entertain or give insight about the subject matter that is being discussed.

**7-27: TEACHING PAGES** contain information that can be used to teach the subject being discussed. In this case the topics are:

- Being a Pirate
- Interesting Stories
- Pirate Fables
- Knowing Your Knots
- Pirate Ship Know-How

**28-41: CRAFT PAGES** detail ideas for crafts that pertain to the subject matter.

Includes:

- Pirate Clothing
- Pirate Accessories
- Ship Crafts

**42-46: RECIPE IDEAS** gives suggestions about what kind of food would go well with the theme. Some recipes included are:

- Oreo Cannon Balls
- Shiver Me Timbers
- Sand Dollars
- Pirate Punch
- Skewered Octopus
- Melon Pirate Ship

**47-52: GAMES AND ACTIVITIES** are pages filled with fun events for any group to do.

The pirate games are:

- Treasure Hunt
- Cannon Ball Down
- Capture the Pirate Flag
- Captain Says
- Memory Game

**53-60: PUZZLE PAGES** test your mind's skill and endurance with:

- Word Searches
- Crosswords
- Unscramble the Words
- Break the Pirate Code

**61: HELPFUL WEBSITES** for additional information

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# Patch Requirements

## TO EARN THE PATCH

- 5-6 years of age need to complete 2 requirements from the list.
- 7-8 years of age need to complete 3 requirements from the list.
- 9-11 years of age need to complete 4 requirements from the list.
- 12-17 years of age need to complete 6 requirements from the list.

## PIRATE ADVENTURES PATCH

1. Discover what being a pirate was like by learning how pirates dressed or learning how to talk like a pirate.
2. Pick your choice between the Oak Island Treasure Pit or the Cursed French Blue Diamond and read the tale.
3. Research your own buried or cursed treasure and write a brief summary on it.
4. Take the time to get to know two legendary pirates.
5. Choose four out of the eight knots from Knowing your Knots and form them.
6. Create a quiz for a fellow guiding member where they have to match 10 parts of a ship with their description.
7. Demonstrate that you understand and can find the four basic directions on a compass.
8. Make one craft from the Pirate Clothing section, one from the Pirate Accessories section, and three from the Ship Crafts section.
9. With your Scouting or Guiding group or a group of friends make two Jolly Rogers and play the Capture the Pirate Flag game.
10. Prepare three out of the six recipes and serve them to a friend, a family member, and a person in your community.
11. Participate in three of the games or participate in one and teach one of the games to someone who doesn't know it.
12. Show off your pirate skills by completing four out of the five pirate puzzles.

# Fascinating Facts

## PIRATING FACTS

- A flag with white skull and crossbones on a black background is called a Jolly Roger. It was designed to strike fear into the hearts of a pirate's enemies; however, the Jolly Roger wasn't flown by all pirates. Pirates of the Spanish Main were usually the only ones to fly this flag.
- Women were typically not allowed on pirate vessels because it was believed that a woman on board brought bad luck. However, some women still became pirates by dressing, fighting, and cursing like men.
- The "Golden Age of Piracy" was from 1650 – 1730.
- Article III of the Pirate Code of Conduct (Bartholomew Roberts Shipboard Articles 1721) states that gambling, an often pictured past time of pirates, was not allowed on most pirate ships, instead they had to gamble whenever they made port. Anyone caught by the captain would be severely punished for breaking the code.
- The term "Davy Jones' Locker" dates back to 1700. In pirate slang, Davy Jones meant the Devil and being sent to "Davy Jones' Locker" meant that you weren't going to heaven.
- Pirates believed that wearing pierced earrings of precious metals such as silver and gold would improve their eyesight.
- St. Thomas, an island in the Caribbean, has a place called "Blackbeard's Castle." The island's lore states that it is believed that this is where the famous pirate spent many hours looking out for approaching ships.

### FACT OR FICTION?

**Pirates wore eye patches to improve their night vision. **FACT!****

The MythBusters proved that wearing an eye patch would actually improve a person's night vision because one eye stays in night vision mode and doesn't get use to the light. For more details follow the MythBuster link in the Helpful Website section.

**Powder-monkeys are small monkeys that helped the captain of a ship by putting various substances in his pipe so it would always be ready to smoke.**

**FICTION!**

Powder-monkey was a position on the ship given to young boys who had to clean and load the guns during battle. Eventually they were promoted to gunner's mate or gunner, if they survived.

**A common alcoholic drink drunk by pirates was called grog. **FACT!****

Grog was a rum, water, lemon juice, and sugar mixture derived from a nickname for an admiral who liked to drink.

# Teaching Pages Overview

## **BEING A PIRATE**

- Learn how a pirate dressed
- Learn to talk like a pirate

## **INTERESTING STORIES**

- Buried treasure
- Cursed treasure

## **PIRATE FABLES**

- Blackbeard
- Calico Jack
- Anne Bonny
- Mary Read
- Henry Morgan

## **KNOWING YOUR KNOTS**

- The “S” Knot
- Half-S
- Modified Timber Hitch
- Reef or Square Knot
- Fisherman’s Knot
- Clove Hitch
- Slip Knot
- Bowline

## **PIRATE SHIP KNOW-HOW**

- Knowing your Ship
- Knowing your Bearings

# Teachings: Being a Pirate

## DRESS LIKE A PIRATE

When most people think of a pirate they imagine the stereotypical image that of a man dressed in a tricorn hat, long coat, knee breeches buckled shoes or bucket topped boots. A good example of this typical pirate is Jack Sparrow off *Pirates of the Caribbean* (2003). However history, illustrations, and common sense tell another story.

## PIRATE DRESS OF THE 18TH CENTURY

**Hats:** When at sea it was common for sailors to wear thrum caps, furry hats, knitted caps or similar headdress. Since pirates are essentially sailors it can be assumed that they would wear this type of practical hat as well. Although tricorns were worn by pirates one has to question their practicality. A strong wind would likely blow it right off your head. Also commonly worn by pirates was the kerchief tied around their head.



**Jackets:** A long coat would have been as impractical on a ship as tricorn hats. The big cuffs would have interfered with the daily running of a ship. The preferred coat of the 18th century would have been shorted and straight cut.

**Trousers:** The pirates of the 18th century undoubtedly wore knee breeches at sea, but then the trousers were invented and they became very popular amongst the sailors. Trousers tended to be loose and came in styles that were cut just above the ankle to about half way up the calf.

**Footwear:** Very few period pictures show pirate captains to be wearing bucket topped boots. Like the tricorns and the long coats, these boots would have been impractical on a ship as the hard leather soles would cause the captain to slip and slide all over the ship deck. Instead sailors spent most of their time bare foot so they could grip the deck.

**Other Gear:** In several pictures pirates have been shown to be wearing a type of scarf called stocks wrapped tight around their neck just for fashion sake. On the other hand brightly coloured sashes were worn only to show off, especially red coloured ones since red dye was expensive and only the wealthy could afford to wear them. Originally sashes were worn by military officers, but soon became a common sight at sea.

**TALK  
LIKE A  
PIRATE**

**Learn to talk like a pirate:** <http://www.yarr.org.uk/talk/> . This site takes you to the official British HQ of Talk like a Pirate Day where you can learn how to truly talk like a pirate.