



Home Repairs

Merit Badge Workbook

This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet.

The work space provided for each requirement should be used by the Scout to make notes for discussing the item with his counselor, not for providing the full and complete answers. Each Scout must do each requirement.

No one may add or subtract from the official requirements found in **Boy Scout Requirements** (Pub. 33216 – SKU 616334).

The requirements were last issued or revised in 2013 • This workbook was updated in January 2013.

Scout's Name: _____ Unit: _____

Counselor's Name: _____ Counselor's Phone No.: _____

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Comments or suggestions for changes to the **requirements** for the **merit badge** should be sent to: Merit.Badge@Scouting.Org

Either a parent or the merit badge counselor may supervise the Scout's work on any Home Repairs requirements.

1. Do the following:

a. Explain to your counselor the most likely hazards you may encounter while working on home repairs and what you should do to anticipate, mitigate and prevent, and respond to these hazards. _____

Describe the appropriate safety gear and clothing that should be used when working on home repairs. _____

b. Discuss general precautions related to home repairs. _____

Name at least 10 safe practices that every home repairer should exercise.

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

2. Under the supervision of your merit badge counselor, do FOUR of the following:
- a. Maintain or recondition a yard tool and show that you know how to clean up and properly store this equipment.
 - b. Weather strip a window or door.
 - c. Caulk cracks or joints open to the weather.
 - d. Waterproof a basement.
 - e. Repair a break in a concrete or asphalt surface.
 - f. Repair the screen in a window or door.
 - g. Replace a pane of glass.
 - h. Solder a broken wire or metal object.
3. Under the supervision of your merit badge counselor, do THREE of the following:
- a. Install or build equipment for storing tools.
 - b. Build a workbench
 - c. Repair a piece of furniture.
 - d. Paint or varnish a piece of furniture, a door, or trim on a house.
 - e. Repair a sagging door or gate.
 - f. Repair a loose step or railing.
 - g. Repair a fence.
4. Under the supervision of your merit badge counselor, do TWO of the following:
- a. Locate a main electrical switch box and know how to replace a fuse or reset a circuit breaker.
 - b. Replace an electrical cord or repair a plug or lamp socket.
 - c. Install a single-pole light switch.
 - d. Replace an electrical wall outlet.
5. Under the supervision of your merit badge counselor, do TWO of the following:
- a. Clear a clogged drain or trap.
 - b. Repair a leaky water faucet.
 - c. Repair a flush toilet.
 - d. Repair a leaky hose or connector.
 - e. Clean or replace a sprinkler head.
6. Under the supervision of your merit badge counselor, do THREE of the following:
- a. Paint a wall or ceiling.
 - b. Repair or replace damaged tile, linoleum, or vinyl flooring.
 - c. Install drapery or curtain rods and then hang drapes or curtains.
 - d. Replace window blind cords.
 - e. Repair or replace a window sash cord.
 - f. Reinforce a picture frame.
 - g. Mend an object made of china, glass, or pottery.

Requirement resources can be found here:

http://www.meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Home_Repairs#Requirement_resources

Important excerpts from the [‘Guide To Advancement’](#), No. 33088:

Effective January 1, 2012, the ‘Guide to Advancement’ (which replaced the publication ‘Advancement Committee Policies and Procedures’) is now the official Boy Scouts of America source on advancement policies and procedures.

- **[Inside front cover, and 5.0.1.4] — Unauthorized Changes to Advancement Program**
No council, committee, district, unit, or individual has the authority to add to, or subtract from, advancement requirements.
(There are limited exceptions relating only to youth members with disabilities. For details see section 10, “Advancement for Members With Special Needs”.)
- **[Inside front cover, and 7.0.1.1] — The [‘Guide to Safe Scouting’](#) Applies**
Policies and procedures outlined in the ‘Guide to Safe Scouting’, No. 34416, apply to all BSA activities, including those related to advancement and Eagle Scout service projects. [Note: Always reference the online version, which is updated quarterly.]
- **[7.0.3.1] — The Buddy System and Certifying Completion**
Youth members must not meet one-on-one with adults. Sessions with counselors must take place where others can view the interaction, or the Scout must have a buddy: a friend, parent, guardian, brother, sister, or other relative —or better yet, another Scout working on the same badge— along with him attending the session. When the Scout meets with the counselor, he should bring any required projects. If these cannot be transported, he should present evidence, such as photographs or adult certification. His unit leader, for example, might state that a satisfactory bridge or tower has been built for the Pioneering merit badge, or that meals were prepared for Cooking. If there are questions that requirements were met, a counselor may confirm with adults involved. Once satisfied, the counselor signs the blue card using the date upon which the Scout completed the requirements, or in the case of partials, initials the individual requirements passed.
- **[7.0.3.2] — Group Instruction**
It is acceptable—and sometimes desirable—for merit badges to be taught in group settings. This often occurs at camp and merit badge midways or similar events. Interactive group discussions can support learning. The method can also be attractive to “guest experts” assisting registered and approved counselors. Slide shows, skits, demonstrations, panels, and various other techniques can also be employed, but as any teacher can attest, not everyone will learn all the material.

There must be attention to each individual’s projects and his fulfillment of *all* requirements. We must know that every Scout — actually and *personally*— completed them. If, for example, a requirement uses words like “show,” “demonstrate,” or “discuss,” then every Scout must do that. It is unacceptable to award badges on the basis of sitting in classrooms *watching* demonstrations, or remaining silent during discussions. Because of the importance of individual attention in the merit badge plan, group instruction should be limited to those scenarios where the benefits are compelling.

- **[7.0.3.3] — Partial Completions**
Scouts need not pass all requirements with one counselor. The Application for Merit Badge has a place to record what has been finished — a “partial.” In the center section on the reverse of the blue card, the counselor initials for each requirement passed. In the case of a partial completion, he or she does not retain the counselor’s portion of the card. A subsequent counselor may choose not to accept partial work, but this should be rare. A Scout, if he believes he is being treated unfairly, may work with his Scoutmaster to find another counselor. An example for the use of a signed partial would be to take it to camp as proof of prerequisites. Partials have no expiration except the 18th birthday.