



2020 Cub Scout Backyard Challenge



Flag Etiquette

Category: Scout Skills

Difficulty: Intermediate

Description:

Here are some basic rules and guidelines for caring for, flying, and folding the US Flag

Information courtesy of http://www.scoutingbsa.org/council_info/misc/flag_regulations.html

And

<https://www.almanac.com/content/us-flag-etiquette-rules-and-guidelines#:~:text=The%20flag%20should%20never%20touch,or%20damaged%20in%20any%20way>.

Caring for the Flag

- The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.
- The flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.
- The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored so that it might be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way
- The flag should never be used as covering for a ceiling.
- The flag should never have anything placed on it.

Flying the Flag

- The flag should never be displayed with the union (stars) down, unless as a signal of dire distress.
- It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on

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stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

- The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed.
- The flag should never be used as covering for a ceiling.
- The flag should never have anything placed on it.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose, nor embroidered on cushions or handkerchiefs, printed on paper napkins or boxes, nor used as any portion of a costume.

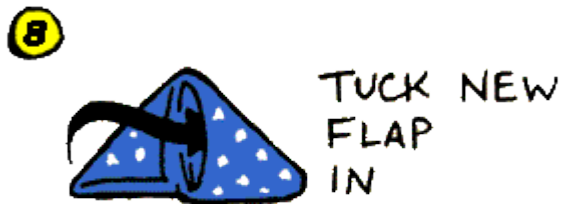
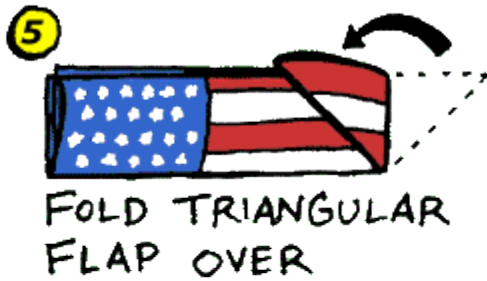
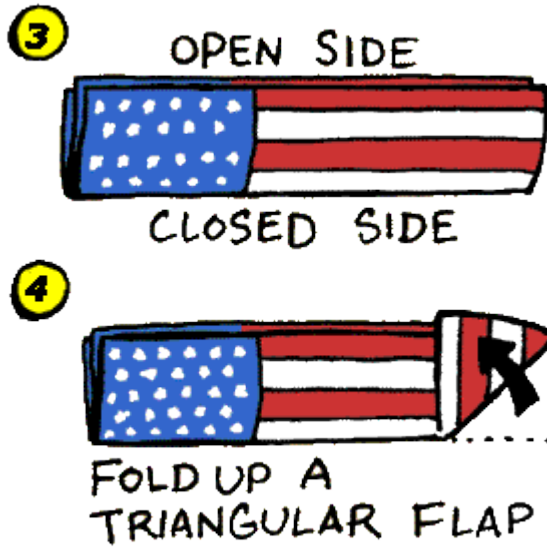
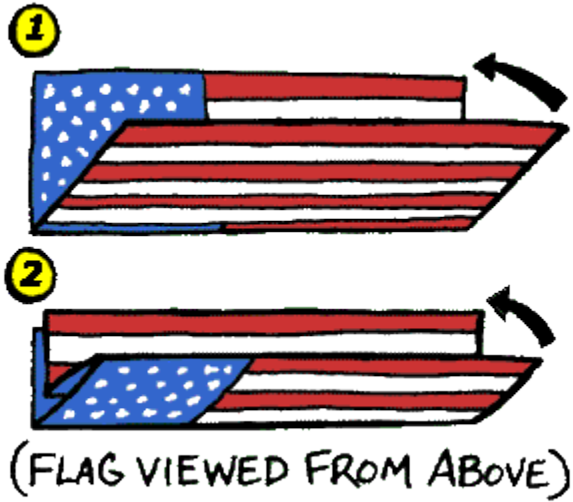


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Folding the Flag



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