

Merit Badge Checklist

Farmgirl Legends

- Schoolmarm
- Farmgirl Guide
- Chapter Guru
- Head Mistress
- Chapter Leader
- Sharpshooter

Cleaning Up

- Going Green
- Recycling
- Leave It Better Than You Found It
- Shopping Green
- Home Insulation
- Path to Zero Waste
- Green Energy
- My Fair Farmgirl
- Living Zero Waste
- Water Conservation
- Staying Green

Each Other

- Community Service
- Families Forever
- Bibliophile Badging
- Community Action
- Entrepreneurial Spirit
- Civics Challenge
- Public Service
- Farmgirl Shutterbugs
- Reading, 'Riting, and 'Rythmatic
- Lend a Hand to Families
- I Should Have Been in the Movies
- Differing Abilities
- Lend a Hand to Farm Families
- Farmgirl Grammar
- International Civics Challenge
- Little Squirts
- Know Your Roots
- Lost Art of Letter Writing
- Plant It Forward
- Civic Heritage
- Blogging
- Connecting Growers and Eaters
- Greatest Generation
- Farmgirl Gratitude
- Languages/Culture
- Get 'er Done
- Farmgirl Jubilee
- Farmgirl Spirit
- Her-story
- Calligraphy

Farm Kitchen

- Know Your Food
- Unprocessed Kitchen
- Palate Pleasers
- Forage for Food
- Icing on the Cake
- Carpe Cocoa: Seize the Chocolate!
- ChillOver ComeOver
- Recipes
- Kitchen Renegade
- BakeOver MakeOver
- Cheesemaking
- MaryJane's Better Butter
- Organic on a Budget
- Bread Making
- Apples
- Pay It Forward
- Food Allergy Awareness
- Bustin' Out
- Canning
- Self-sufficiency
- Get It Together

What is the Farmgirl Sisterhood?

We are Sisters

We're country, we're city, and every texture and stripe in between. It's not about *where* we live, but *how* we live. We get together to chat online and form in-the-flesh Farmgirl Chapters. We love to share stories, to craft, to garden, and to nurture the next generation of Farmerettes and Young Cultivators. And when our work is done, we get together to go camping, fishing, and "glamping" as Glampers on the Loose (**Facebook.com/groups/glampersontheloose**).



As a Member

of our Farmgirl Sisterhood, you'll have exclusive access to our ...

Chatroom

Join our online community of Sisters and discuss all things Farmgirl, participate in swaps with Sisters from all over the world, and so much more!

If you aren't already registered on our chatroom, please take a minute to register at www.maryjanesfarm.org/snitz/policy.asp

Merit Badge Program

Sisters can earn Merit Badges (think Girl Scouts for grown-ups) through our exclusive Sisterhood Merit Badge program. (Sisters have earned more than 13,000 badges to date!) As an added bonus, your young 'uns can earn badges as well through our Farmerette program (ages 14–18) and our Young Cultivators program (ages 6–13).

Sisterhood Specials

You'll be treated to extra tips, discounts, and opportunities exclusively for Sisters.



Learn more at FarmgirlSisterhood.org

Earning Sisterhood Merit Badges

The seven sections in my *Ideabook*, Cookbook, Lifebook encompass, I think, most aspects of a farmgirl's life: Cleaning Up, Each Other, Farm Kitchen, Garden Gate, Make It Easy, Outpost, and Stitching Room. Our Merit Badge structure grew from those seven sections.

Each category has three different levels: Beginner, Intermediate, and Expert. Everyone has to start from "scratch"; no hens get their previous accomplishments "grandmothered in." Badges need to be earned in order (Beginner, then Intermediate, then Expert).

Say you want to earn the beginner level badge in Knitting. Once you've completed ALL the Beginner level tasks under "Stitching & Crafting/Knitting," you may apply for a Merit Badge by visiting this link:

<https://bit.ly/35tTFCK>

Here at "Henquarters," we'll look over your entry, and check to make sure all requirements have been met.

Once your badge is approved, your entry information will be shouted from the rooftops (cooptops?) on our Farmgirl Connection chatroom (the awarded badges will also appear in the newsletter you receive in January, May, and September). You'll be e-mailed privileged links to the design for your new badge and a link to your achievement certificate so you can print out the certificate and frame it (all the certificates are designed with cool old photos and illustrations).

You can also either print out the badge design onto fabric (some printers have an



Badge Level & Embroidery

your badge design on fabric, you can then embroider the central design and the dashed line around it.

You'll also notice a very faint line on the badge outside of the dashed line. Use this faint line as a guide to the outside edge of your badge. If you want an unfinished edge to your badge, which will fray in true farmgirl style, you'll simply cut along the faint line. If you want to turn under the edge of your badge and hem it for a finished look, just cut it out 1/4" outside the faint line, then turn under the edge along the faint line and stitch the hem. (You'll also want to cut it out 1/4" outside the faint line if you're putting multiple badges together for a pillow top or quilt top.) Then, as your skill level progresses and you complete the tasks in the Intermediate Level of the Knitting category, you'll apply again, and when approved, you'll denote your increased prowess by adding another line of embroidery or stitching on your badge in the color of your choice 1/8" outside your first line of embroidery or stitching.

When you complete all the tasks in the Expert Level, you'll apply again, and when approved, you'll add a third line of embroidery or stitching in the color of your choice about 1/8" out from your Intermediate Level line of stitching.

When you see a Sister wearing a Knitting Merit Badge with just one outline stitch, you'll know she's accomplished the Beginner Level in Knitting; if it has two outlines, you'll know she's accomplished the Intermediate Level; three outlines, and she's a Knitting Expert!

(If our original instructions weren't clear enough and you've done your badges another way, don't worry—it all works!) For more ideas on what you can do with your collected badges, visit <http://www.farmgirlsisterhood.org/merit-badges.asp>

