

NECKERCHIEF TIE SLIDES

Neckerchief Slides

Tie Slides serve all sorts of purposes in Scouting. They are fun both to make and to wear. Making them can be used as activities towards achievements or activity badges. They can be given as recognition or prizes. For example give a little "sponge slide" to the scout who was the most helpful at cleaning up after the blue and gold or at camp. They can be worn to reflect the season or the theme of the month. Boys can really be creative with tie slides once they get started! So can you!

Always remember, safety first. At first key rings seem to be a good slide ring, however if a boy gets hit with a ball while wearing such a slide there could be a serious injury. When cutting PVC pipe to use as a ring, let it be at least $\frac{3}{4}$ " long. Other possible rings can be made with pieces of garden hose or leather scraps. I have recently found that the handle of a gallon milk jug can be cut into $\frac{1}{2}$ inch sections and each section makes a free and handy slide backing. When necessary to put holes in film or medicine bottles, an adult should do it. Using a potholder, hold a nail with a pair of pliers. Place the end of the nail over a flame on a gas stove. When hot use the nail end to poke a hole.

Use your imagination and you can come up with great ideas for tie slides. Look at anything that is miniature with slides in mind. You can find great ideas in *Boys Life* and Scouting magazines, the *Cub Scout How to Book*, Roundtable Helps, *Program Helps* and the Internet.

Check Baloo's Bugle for monthly theme ideas:

<http://www.usscouts.org/usscouts/bbugle.asp>

Clay

Boys can really be creative if given a bit of clay and told to form something to use as a tie slide. One idea is to form a snake and have it coil around a dowel or something to dry. When dry it will "coil" around the neckerchief. There are clays that can be baked dry and might be stronger when finished. Paint as desired

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All of these tie slides use Faux Wedding Rings available at Michael's and most craft stores. Thanks for getting me started on this goes to Susan Klug. She made the first slide out of these rings that I saw.



Pinewood Derby

These are buttons available from most craft and yardage stores. They come in a package of about 10 items with a mixture of cars, helmets and flags. I hot glue gunned two of them together to make the slide.



Construction

These are buttons available from most craft and yardage stores. They come in a package with a mixture of tools. I hot glue gunned two of them together to make the slide.



Feathered Friends

These are available at Michaels for only 25¢ each. They are hot glue gunned to the ring.



Cubs of the Future

I wanted robots but settled for alien erasers. These were purchased at Party City. I drilled a small hole through the eraser and pushed the ring through.

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MONTHLY THEME SLIDES

April 2008 - Abracadabra

Cards Neckerchief Slide

Fan out a few playing cards and glue them together (you can find miniature cards in novelty shops). Use a piece of a milk jug handle as a backing.

Magic Rabbit Tie Slide

Materials:

- 1 ½" Pom pom, White or Gray
- ¾" Pompom, Gray or White
- White Felt, 1 ½" X 2 ½"
- Pink Felt, 1" X 2"
- Thin Wire or 2 Twist Ties 5 mm
- Pink Chenille Nose
- 2 - 7 mm Craft Eyes
- Optional - Black Film Canister
- 2" X 2" Heavy Black Cardboard
- Slide Ring

Directions:

1. Cut ears and insides as shown in pattern. Glue together with thin wire in between ear parts.
2. Cut eye outline as in pattern and glue craft eyes to the bottom ends.
3. Glue cheeks, smaller pom-pom, to lower front of head, larger pom pom, as shown in diagram.
4. Glue eyes above cheeks. Glue nose onto front of cheeks as shown. Glue ears into head top.
5. If hat is to be included, cut out an oval from the back of the film canister and from the front portion of the bottom of the can opposite the hole in the back. Cut a 2 ¼" circle out of the black cardboard and glue to the top of the canister to form the had brim. Glue the rabbit to the top.
6. If the hat isn't used, glue a slide ring to the back of the rabbit.

May 2008 - Leaf it to Cubs

Nature

1. Hot glue a pipe-cleaner ring to the backside of a 2" diameter slice of branch. Or drill 2 holes in the slice and thread the pipe cleaner through to make the loop. Then do one of the following:
 - Glue pieces of twigs, nuts, and pebbles to the front side.

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- Press flowers or leaves and glue to the wood.
- Sand smooth and draw animal tracks on the slide.
- Use a rubber stamp on the cut and sanded side, and then use colored pencils to add detail.
- Make a pattern (like a mosaic) of different seeds, corn, beans, dandelion fluff, etc... Draw the pattern on, and then apply glue to one section at a time. Sprinkle with one kind of seeds. After each section is covered, then use the next kind of seed.

Sliced Slides

Materials:

- Standard slide materials (no backing needed),
- 1 to 1-1/2 inch diameter tree branch that's already dead and dry, and that isn't rotten,
- Sandpaper
- Polyurethane and
- sponge "paint brushes"

Directions:

1. Precut 3/8- to 1/2-inch thick "slanted" slices of the branch.
2. Give each boy a slice and sandpaper to smooth off the cut surface. (If bark is in tact, that's good; otherwise, they should peel that off also.)
3. Polyurethane the front surface of the slice.
4. Attach slide ring. (*PVC pipe is great!!*)

June 2008 - Go for the Gold

Favorite Sport Slide

Note: In preparing to make this slide, you need to check with the boys to find out what is their favorite sport. Then you can scour the world for copies of the logos. The internet is a great source for sport emblems.

Materials:

- 1 inch (or size of logo) disk
- 3/4-inch PVC slide ring
- Color copies of team logos

Directions:

1. Cut out team logos to the size of the disks.
2. Mount logo on disk using tacky glue.
3. Mount the slide ring to back of disk using hot glue.



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July 2008 - H2Ohhh!

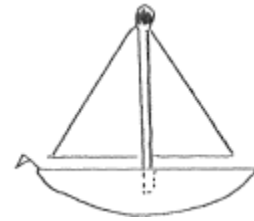
Dehydrated water

On the front of a film can place a sticker that says: “Dehydrated water, just add water and enjoy.” Glue to a ring

Yacht Tie Slide

The hull is whittled from white pine or balsa. The mast is a burned match. The boom is a toothpick. The sail is a triangle of white or red fabric.

1. Whittle and sand hull, it is flat on back and curved on front.
2. Drill 3 holes, one in top for match mast, 2 in back for plastic or metal ring cut in half.
3. Glue mast in place. Glue boom to lower edge of sail.
4. Glue sail and boom mast and let glue dry,
5. Glue ring in place, while it is drying, make small flag for stern from construction paper triangle (tiny) glued to straight pin.



August 2008 - S'mores Summer Fun

Campfire Neckerchief Slide

Materials:

- Butter tub lids
- twist ties
- red or orange felt
- small twigs
- glue

Instructions:

1. Cut out campfire shape from lid,
2. Cut flame from felt.
3. Cut slits for tie to slip through. (Or Glue on PVC pipe piece)
4. Glue on felt and twigs to make campfire.



September 2008 - New Buddies

Walnut Shells

Empty, ½ walnut shells can be made into many different things with a little paint, googlie eyes, etc.

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October 2008 - Adventures in Books

Mini Clipboard

Materials:

- plywood about 1 x 2 inches
- Small spring clip
- Small post-it-notes

Instructions:

1. Cut a rectangle of thin plywood about 1 x 2 inches (paint stick, or laminate sample, too). Stain and varnish to taste.
2. Screw a small spring clip to the top. (or use a binder clip)
3. Attach something to the back to hold the neckerchief--I used a small ring of metal but you could use a ring of leather or a ring of plastic pipe.
4. Get some of the smallest post-it notes--I think they're about 1 x 3/4 inch. It not only looks good but it's handy--you always have some paper

November 2008 - Seeds of Kindness

Wood or Tree "Cookies"

Materials:

- Birch Tree Branch

Instructions:

1. Take a slice of a tree branch (around 1/4" thick and 1-3" in diameter) and you have the beginning of any number of interesting slides. If you cut at an angle you will have an oval.
2. Glue pressed flowers or interesting leaves to the front.
3. Glue a design of seeds, dried corn and beans.

December 2008 - Holiday Lights

Christmas Lights

Materials:

- 1 inch disk
- Small Xmas lights

Instructions:

1. Cut 1 light off of a string of lights and hot glue gun to a piece of wood.
2. Attach PVC pipe to back of wood
3. Hot glue AAA battery to back of wood and solder wires of light to battery

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Jan 2009 - A-MAZE-ing Games

Tic-tac-toe Game

Materials:

- 35mm film canister
- Reduce image of tic-tac-toe board to 1" square
- 5 red & 5 blue pony beads

Instructions:

1. Place all parts in the film canister
2. Hot glue film canister to PVC pipe

Feb 2009 – American ABCs

UNCLE SAM

Materials:

- Round head wooden clothespin
- Paints, red white and blue
- White 'wonderfoam' or posterboard
- White paper
- Cotton ball
- ¾-inch PVC slide ring



Instructions:

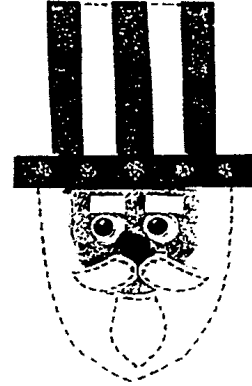
1. Cut the points off the clothespin.
2. Paint the lower half of legs white and allow it to dry.
3. Paint the upper half, up to neck a dark blue.
4. Make a small roll of paper, glue into shape and paint same color blue as upper half.
5. Glue arms onto upper part of the clothespin.
6. Cut out a hat brim to fit the head of the clothespin,
7. Paint white paper with red stripes, or use a permanent marker to do such
8. Paint red stripes on the white pants.
9. Paint the head of the clothespin; make flesh color by adding a small amount of red to white paint.
10. Roll the striped paper to fit inside the hat brim and glue in place
11. Glue hat to head of the clothespin, adjusting angle to fit,
12. Straighten out paperclip, dip one end into blue paint and dot eyes onto face.
13. Using a pinch of cotton ball, form a beard and glue onto lower face.
14. Roll another piece of cotton, glue hair around head under the hat.
15. Mount the slide ring to back of your finished Uncle Sam using hot glue.

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UNCLE SAM NECKERCHIEF SLIDE

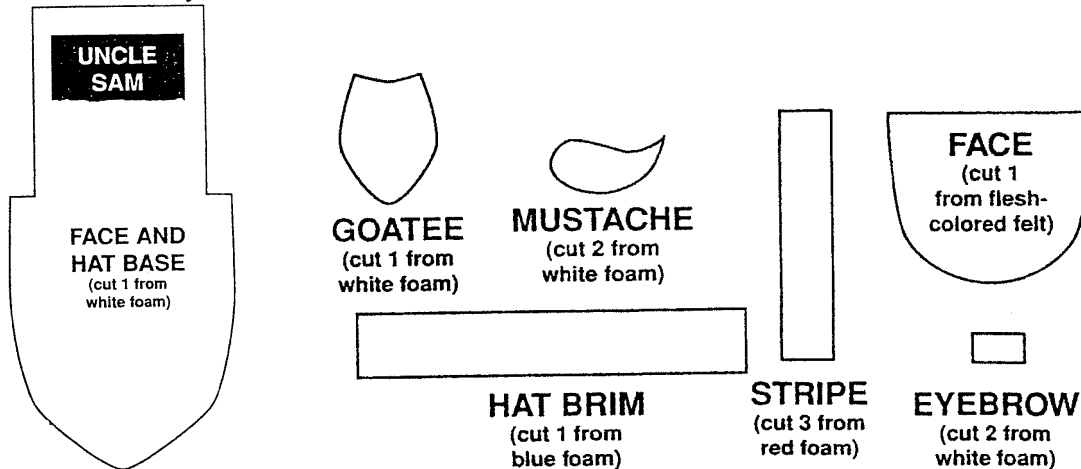
Materials:

- Scraps of red, white and blue craft foam
- Scrap of flesh-color felt
- Two wiggle eyes (7mm)
- Small red pompom (5 mm)
- Gold glitter paint or glitter glue
- Black fine-line permanent marker
- Glue; Pink powder blush; Q-tip; 1/2" PVC pipe



Instructions:

1. Cut out patterns.
2. Use markers to draw dashed lines along edges of beard, mustache and goatee. (You may want to tell the boys to make dots instead of dashes)
3. Glue stripes on hat base and glue hat brim on too.
4. Glue flesh face pattern on under brim.
5. Add eyes and pompom nose.
6. Glue on mustache, goatee and eyebrows.
7. With q-tip dipped in powder blush, give him rosy cheeks.
8. With gold glitter squeeze paint, add small stars (dots) onto hat brim.
9. Let dry. Add slide back.



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FLAG SLIDE

Materials:

- United States Flag (approximately 2x3)
- Heavy plastic, cut the same size as your flag
- ¾ inch PVC slide ring

Instructions:

1. Glue the flag to the piece of heavy plastic
2. Mount the slide ring to the back of the heavy plastic.

Mar 2009 – When I Grow Up

ME Slide

Materials:

- Magazines
- 1 inch wood disk

Instructions:

1. Find a picture of what they want to be when they grow up
2. Cut and decoupage to board
3. Attach PVC pipe to back of wood

Apr 2009 – Jurassic Park

Gold Nugget

Materials:

- Gold spray paint
- small rocks
- PVC pipe

Instructions:

1. Spray rock with gold paint and let dry.
2. Hot glue it very carefully to the pipe.
3. Make up a story how you found “the big one”

May 2009 - Leave Nothing but Footprints

Litter Basket Slide

Materials:

- Small medicine cups
- black plastic bag
- pipe cleaner



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- paper

Instructions:

1. Thread the pipe cleaner through the basket and form a ring for the neckerchief.
2. Glue the black plastic into the basket to form a trash bag.
3. Make a little sign with paper that says "Litter" and glue the sign to front of basket.
4. Fill basket with wadded paper scraps and glue in place.

June 2009 – A Campin' We Will Go

Compass Tie Slide

Materials:

- Toy Compass
- 10" Suede Cord
- Low Temp. Hot Glue Gun
- 3 Pony Beads
- 4" Pipe Cleaner



Instructions:

1. Hot glue suede cord all around compass. Leave both ends hanging from the compass. Cut ends into a point to make stringing pony beads easier. Slide both ends into one pony bead and push it all the way to the compass. String one pony bead onto each end. Tie knot to secure. Trim
2. Hot glue a 4" piece of pipe cleaner on to back of compass to twist into a neckerchief slide.

Dead Bugs

Take either dead bugs (eeu!) or plastic bugs and glue them to the inside of a clean milk carton cap. Glue onto a backing.

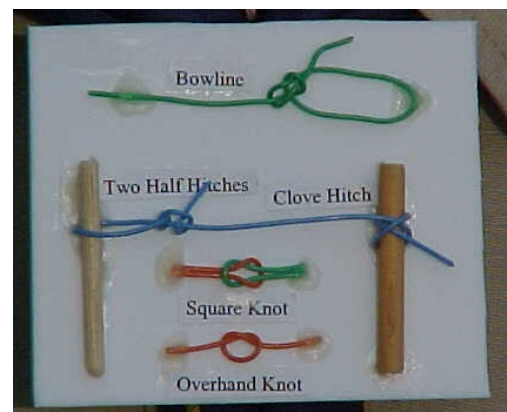
Knot Board

Materials:

- 1 inch disk
- ¾-inch PVC slide ring
- Telephone wire

Directions:

1. Tie knots
2. Glue to board
3. Attach board to PVC pipe



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July 2009 – Be a Sport

Favorite Team Slide

Note: In preparing to make this slide, you need to check with the boys to find out who their favorite teams are (regardless of the sport). Then you can scour the world for copies of the team logos. The internet is a reasonable source for some team emblems, but a lot of them are not available. For some, I would look in mail order catalogues, sports magazines, etc.

Materials:

- 1 inch (or size of logo) disk
- ¾-inch PVC slide ring
- Color copies of team logos or sport logos

Directions:

1. Cut out team or sports logos to the size of the disks.
2. Mount logo on disk using tacky glue.
3. Mount the slide ring to back of disk using hot glue.



Aug 2009 – Fun in the Sun

Take a clear, clean, dry small shampoo or lotion bottle from a hotel visit. Fill with a little bit of sand and two or three tiny seashells. A pipe cleaner can be wrapped around the neck of the container and then formed into a ring. Glue the pipe cleaner in place. You can also glue the container to a section of milk jug handle.

MISC SLIDE IDEAS



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Molding With Plaster

Using Plaster of Paris to create molds for painting is a simple craft to do with Cub Scouts. Candy molds can be found in craft stores and even in the grocery store and can be used. Simply mix the plaster (read label directions - usually two measures of plaster to one measure of tepid water {hot water hardens much faster}). The mixed plaster forms a creamy texture which you then pour into the molds. Gently tap the mold on a firm surface to force any air bubbles to rise. When the plaster has started to set, insert a plastic ring or loop made of non-rusting wire. Wait until completely dry and then remove from the mold. Paint with acrylic paints, which are available at all craft stores.