

Art Project: Make a Badge



Star of the Order of St. Andrew
St. Petersburg, 1800s
Gold, enamel, silver, diamonds (18.2)



Badge of the Order of St. Vladimir
Dmitry Osipov, Russian jeweler (active 1884-1916)
St. Petersburg, 1908-1917
Gold, enamel, silk moiré ribbon (18.35)



Cross of the Order of St. George
Europe, after 1917
Gold, enamel, ribbon (18.110)



Grand Cross of the Order of St. Catherine
Russia, late 1700s
Gold, silver, enamel, diamonds (18.5)

In imperial Russia, the emperor or empress awarded subjects who were loyal, brave, or helpful by granting them membership in special groups, called orders.

Each order had its own colors and motto. For example, the Order of St. George's colors are black and orange and its motto is "For Service and Bravery." People were awarded membership in this order to recognize their brave and courageous actions.

Members of the orders were called knights. Knights wore sashes, ribbons, or badges that showed what they had accomplished. Badges were often decorated with colored ribbons and pictures and were made from precious materials, such as gold, silver, and diamonds.

Take inspiration from the decorative badges pictured above to create your own award.

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Materials:



- Metallic cupcake wrappers
- Ribbon
- Stickers
- Rhinestones
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Safety pin or pin with adhesive back

Steps:



1. Flatten cupcake wrapper.



2. Cut to desired shape.



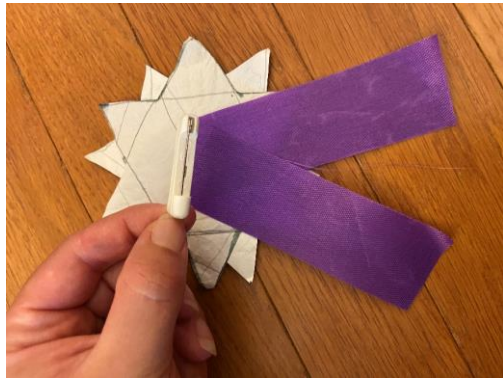
3. You can glue multiple wrappers together to layer on different shapes and colors.



4. Decorate with stickers and rhinestones.



5. Glue ribbon to the back.



6. Attach the safety pin, or pin with adhesive back, to the back of the badge.



7. Enjoy!

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