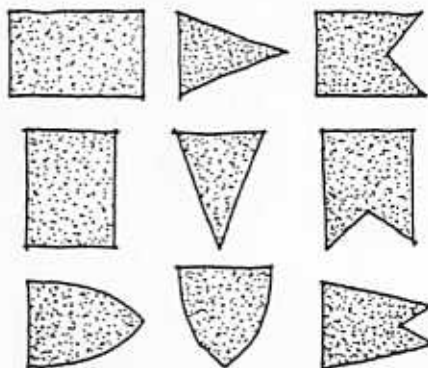


№ 1 PATROL FLAGS

Every Boy Scout patrol should have its own custom designed and custom made patrol flag. Such a flag should speak well of the patrol and be an object of pride for each patrol member. It should be attractive and easy to carry; it should also withstand rain, sun, snow and wind. The patrol flag goes with the patrol on all outings - its their calling card and recognition sign! Below and on the next page are some ideas to get a patrol started. Have fun!



some traditional flag shapes

FLAG "STEPS"

1. Have a patrol "Art Contest." Everyone submits an idea. Choose the best ideas and form a final design.
2. Make a full size drawing on a large piece of paper
3. Work out details of construction.
4. Make flag (get some help from a Patrol Mom if needed)
5. Attach to flag staff and attach honor ribbons, etc.

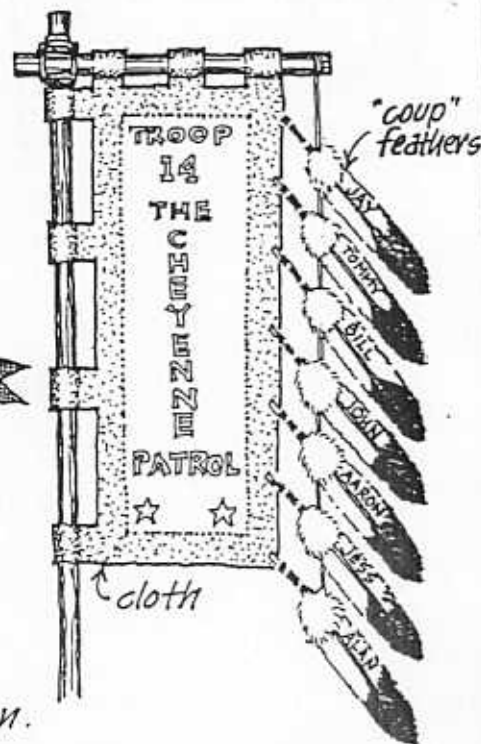
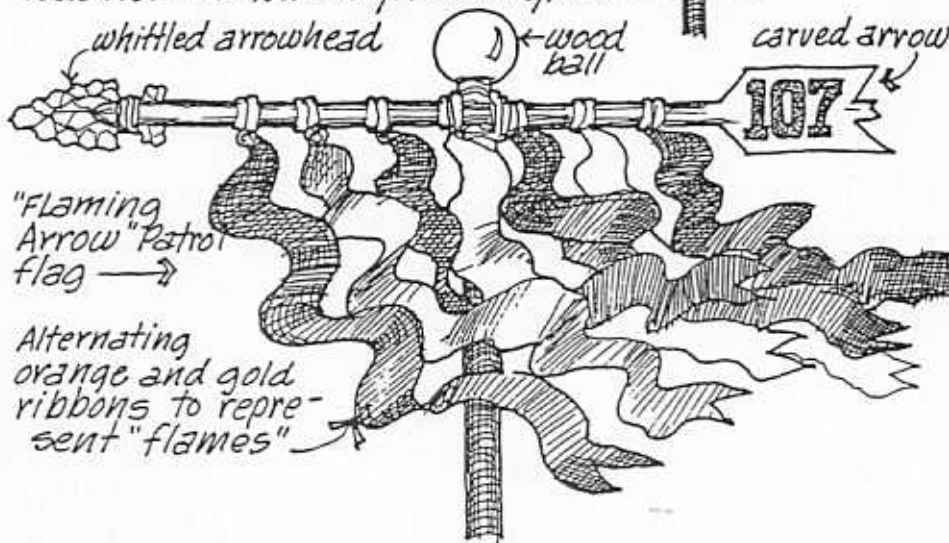
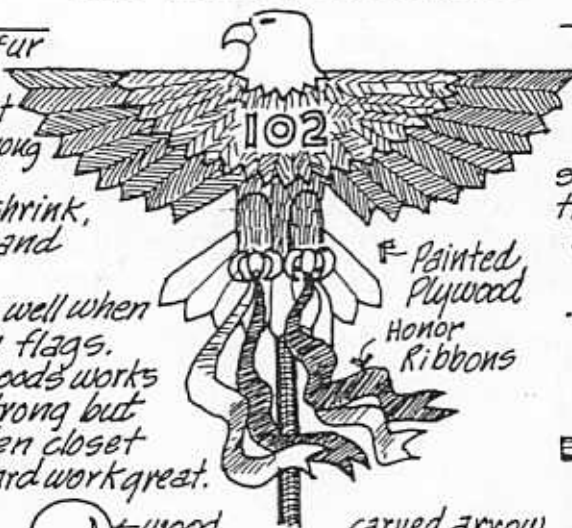


SIZE

- There is certainly no "official" size so that is up to the patrol.
- Remember to keep it of such a size and shape for the flag to be easily carried.
- A recommended size is in the 1 1/2 foot x 2 foot range.
- Make flag staff about 6 foot long (approx 1" diameter)

MATERIALS

- Cloth, leather, rawhide, fur, canvas, plastic, metal - whatever works best, but remember to make it strong but not too heavy. Avoid materials that might shrink, fade, or run from rain and sun.
- Quilt edging tape works well when hemming/edging cloth flags.
- A cut staff from the woods works well (sassafras is strong but light weight) and wooden closet rods from the lumber yard work great.



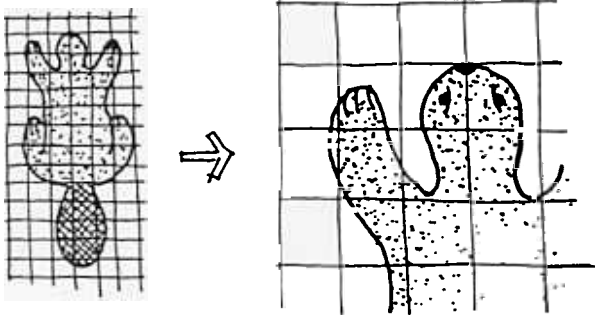
Remember "flags" can be of many different shapes, sizes, materials and so forth, so use your imagination.



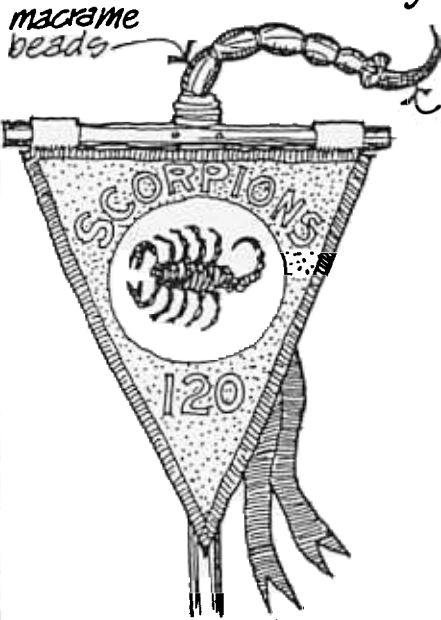
PATROL FLAGS (continued)

"ART" TIPS

- Patrol symbol or "totem" can be enlarged from a small drawing or photo to the desired size by many copying (xerox) machines.
- Another way to enlarge a drawing or photo is drawing a grid of lines over the subject matter then drawing a larger grid of the same number on a piece of paper, then fill in the squares on the larger version where they appear proportionately on the smaller grid.

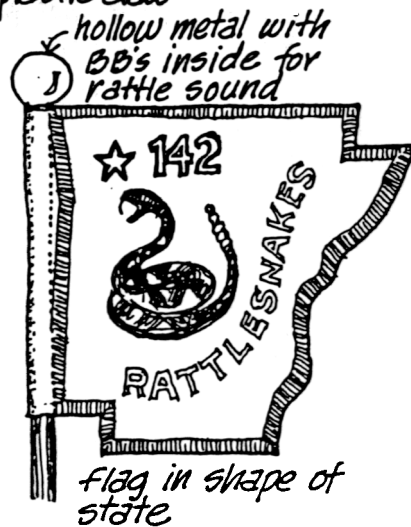


Grid method of enlarging



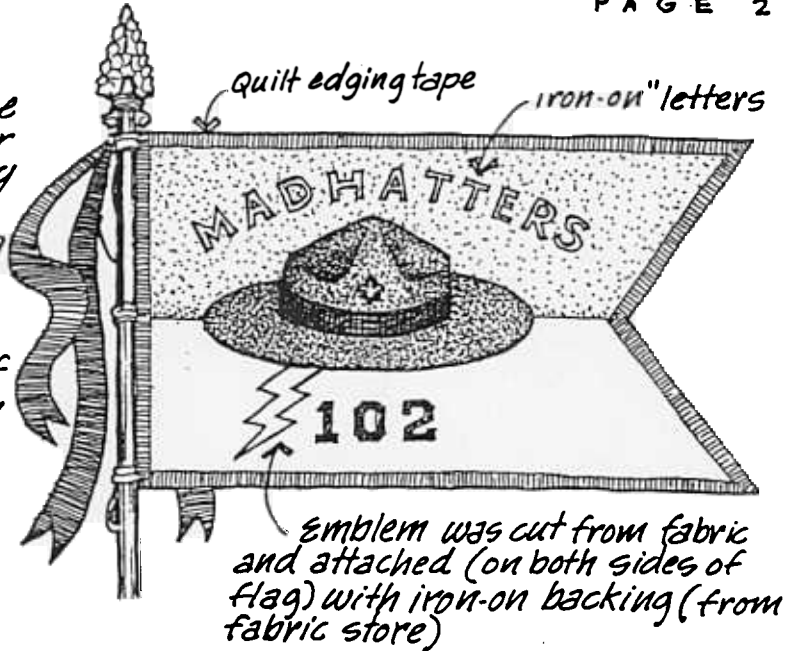
macrame beads

plastic claw



hollow metal with BB's inside for rattle sound

flag in shape of state

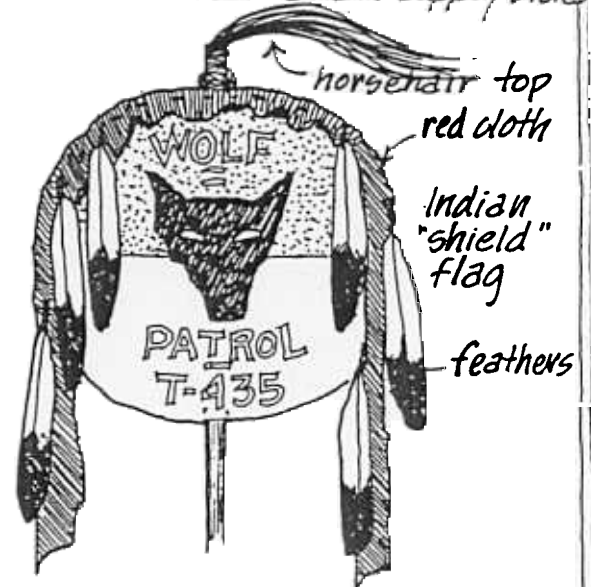


quilt edging tape

iron-on letters

emblem was cut from fabric and attached (on both sides of flag) with iron-on backing (from fabric store)

- Transfer final drawing to flag surface or "iron-on" with carbon paper.
- Avoid felt tip markers on fabric because they blot and fade too easily.
- Acrylic paints are easy to use and work great on cloth, leather or wood. Acrylics can be found at art supply stores



horsehair top

red cloth

Indian "shield" flag

feathers

DECORATIVE SUGGESTIONS

- Patrol name written in letters may not always be necessary - totem may say it.
- Include troop number always
- Add honor awards as they are earned.
- Include patrol members names in some manner on flag or staff.
- Carve a notch in the staff for every overnight camp and every 5 miles hiked.
- on "traditional" cloth flags apply art work on both sides of flag.

