



Coin Collecting

Merit Badge Workbook



This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet.
This Workbook can help you organize your thoughts as you prepare to meet with your merit badge counselor

Merit Badge Counselors may not require the use of this or any similar workbooks.

You still must satisfy your counselor that you can demonstrate each skill and have learned the information.
You should use the work space provided for each requirement to keep track of which requirements have been completed, and to make notes for discussing the item with your counselor, not for providing full and complete answers.

If a requirement says that you must take an action using words such as "discuss", "show", "tell", "explain", "demonstrate", "identify", etc, that is what you must do.

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Scout's Name: _____ Unit _____ Date Started _____

Counselor's Name: _____ Phone No.: _____ Email: _____

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1. Understand how coins are made, and where the active U.S. Mint facilities are located.

How are coins made:

Where are the active U.S. Mint facilities:

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2. Explain these collecting terms:

a. Obverse

b. Reverse

c. Reeding

d. Clad

e. Type set

f. Date set

3. Describe three different ways to store a collection, and the benefits, drawbacks, and cost of each method.

Method 1

Benefits

Drawbacks

Cost

Method 2

Benefits

Drawbacks

Cost

Method 3

Benefits

Drawbacks

Cost

4. Do each of the following and explain to your counselor the design features, designer name, designer initials, and where to find them for each item:

- ☐ a. Collect a one-cent coin from the year group: 1959-2008 (that is. dated between 1959 and 2008) and a one-cent coin from the year group 2010-present.

Explain how and why the one-cent coins issued in 2009 were different from either of the other two year groups.

- ☐ b. Collect two five-cent coins, one from each of these year groups: 1959- 2003 and 2006-present.

Explain how and why the five-cent coins issued in 2004-2005 were different from either of the other two year groups.

- ☐ c. Collect a ten-cent coin from 1965-present.

- ☐ d. Collect a twenty-five-cent coin from 1965-1998. two examples from the 50-State Quarter—/territories Program 1999-2009. two designs from the America the Beautiful program 2012-2021 and two designs from the American Woman Quarter program (2022-2024).

Explain the purpose of each of those programs

- ☐ e. Collect a half dollar coin from 1965-present.
- ☐ f. Collect a dollar coin from each of these design groups: Susan B. Anthony 1979-81. Sacagawea 1990-2005. U.S. Presidents 2000-2014.

Value	Issued	DesignFeatures	Designer	Initials	Where to find
1¢	1959-2008				
	2009				
	2010-present				
5¢	1959-2003				
	2004-2005				
	2006-present				
10¢	1965-present				
25¢	1965-1998				
	1999+2009 (State/Terr.)				
	2012-2021 (Beautiful)				
	2022-2024 (Woman)				
50¢	1965-present				
\$1.00	1979-1991 (Anthony)				
	1990-2005 (Sacagawea)				
	2000-2014 (Presidents)				

5. Describe and discuss with your counselor the special reverse designs of the quarters, half dollar and dollar coin struck in 1975-1976 to honor the U.S. Bicentennial.

6. Identify for your counselor the people depicted on current currency: \$1. \$2. \$5. \$10. \$20. \$50. and \$100 notes. Explain where United States currency is printed.

7. Do ONE of the following:

- ☐ a. Collect and identify for your counselor 20 different world coins from at least 7 different countries. Identify the country, major design elements, and denomination of each.
- ☐ b. Collect and identify for your counselor 20 different world paper money from at least 7 different countries. Identify the country, major design elements, and denomination of each.
- ☐ c. Collect and identify for your counselor 20 different tokens and/or medals. Identify the issuer and use of each.
- ☐ d. Complete one of the following and report to your counselor what you experienced:
- ☐ 1. tend a coin show.
 - ☐ 2. Attend a coin club meeting.
 - ☐ 3. Tour a U.S. Mint facility or museum
 - ☐ 4. Tour a virtual exhibit (with your parent or guardian's permission) approved by your counselor.

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