

Note to the Counselor:

The Home Repairs Merit Badge is about more than just fixing a leaky faucet; it's about fostering a sense of ownership and confidence through self-reliance. By mastering the ability to maintain their own surroundings, Scouts develop a foundational growth mindset that serves them throughout their lives. Learning these practical skills transforms Scouts' environment from something they simply inhabit into something they are capable of maintaining and improving.

Home maintenance can be daunting for beginners, particularly those without prior exposure to home repair work. To build confidence, leaders should:

- Organize **small group activities** where every Scout has a hands-on role.
- Encourage Scouts to build and maintain their own **personal toolkits** so they are always prepared for a task.

While Scouts must perform the majority of the work themselves, they are not expected to do everything in isolation. Complex projects (like larger painting tasks) can be tackled alongside peers or with adult guidance, emphasizing teamwork and safety for larger-scale tasks.

This badge prioritizes **understanding and application** over rigid adherence to a badge's requirements. Because every home is different, any project that demonstrates the core repair concepts—even if it differs slightly from the examples—qualifies for the requirement.