



# Build Your Way to the Bronze Award

The highest award a Girl Scout Junior can achieve is the Bronze Award. The Bronze Award represents the high-quality impact you can have on your community, and Juniors who earn it learn important leadership skills, discover new passions, and find out how small actions make big differences. Through creativity, unlock your imagination and rebuild the world. In these activities you will build and play with LEGO® bricks to see what different parts of your Bronze Award project might include. Have fun and be creative with LEGO bricks! Build, unbuild, and rebuild for inspiration.

## 7 Steps to Bronze

### Step 1



Build your Girl Scout Junior team.

### Step 2



Explore your community. Take a close look at what's going on right around you. Start by exploring your community—your block, your neighborhood, or your school. Keep your eyes open for ways you can make a positive change.

### Step 3



Choose your Bronze Award project.

### Step 4



Make a plan.

### Step 5



Put your plan in motion. Spend 20 hours to earn the award. Time spent researching, planning, and executing the project should be included. Track your time spent on the project.

### Step 6



Spread the word about your project when you're done. Inspire others! You can give a presentation at your school, to your service unit, or to another troop.

### Step 7



Celebrate!



# Choices—Do One:

## Choice 1: Build your community and identify ways to help.

Use your LEGO bricks to build your community, or all the different communities you're a part of. For inspiration, physically go and explore your community. Refer to Step #2 on the front page for examples of communities. The key is observation. As you walk or bike around town, keep your eyes open for ways you can make a positive change. To create a visual of what you observed, build with your LEGO bricks each of the community areas that sparked ideas. Then use LEGO bricks again to brainstorm your project ideas. Decide what you care about, what bothers you, how you would like to help, and what you would like to improve in your community if you could. Use your imagination to build your ideas. Rebuild, improve, and make them bigger and better. Make it fun!

**For more fun:** Go to <https://girlscouts.org/getbuilding> and view a short video of Brickmaster Amy (LEGO® Designer and Judge on LEGO® Masters USA) and see her fun creations.

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## Choice 2: Build your time tracker.

Use your LEGO bricks and creative skills to build a model to help you track the 20 hours you will give to complete your Bronze Award. Use 20 bricks, one for each hour, or double it to 40 so that each brick represents 30 minutes. Refer to Step #5 on the front page for tasks that count toward those hours. Take a photo of your LEGO brick model, then take it apart and save the 20 or the 40 pieces in a container. As you complete the Bronze Award tasks, refer to your picture and start to rebuild your original structure to track your time spent. The best part? When completed, you have a reminder of how you made the world a better place and how much you did to earn the Bronze Award.

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## Choice 3: Share your story.

This one's for Girl Scouts who have already earned the Bronze Award—congratulations and great job! Now it's time to think about what you did and why it mattered and to share what you learned. Using your LEGO bricks, describe your project. Refer to Step #6 on the front page for places where you can tell others about your successful project and why what you did matters to you and your community.

**For more fun:** When sharing with a younger troop, create a word search that introduces some of the key words for the Bronze Award! Invite guests who arrive early to work on your newly created word search as a warm-up exercise.

