



February

Monthly Patch Program

Girl Scouts of Central Illinois

Vera Wang

“There have been a million days where I said to myself, ‘What was I thinking?’ or ‘Why did I do this?’” Wang says. “But there have been way more days where I felt extremely lucky to be doing something that I love so much and learning new lessons as not only [as an] designer but as an entrepreneur every day.”

Vera Ellen Wang is an American fashion designer. Known for balancing modern designs with traditional elegance, Vera Wang is one of the most prominent bridal wear designers in America.

Complete 3-Daisy, 4-Brownie, 5-Junior, 6-Cadette, and 7-Senior/Ambassador steps to earn your patch.

All monthly patches are custom designed patches. Once we get the final number of patches after the 15th of each month, we place an order. Patches take about a month to create and then we mail them to you.

Order patch on-line by **March, 15th, 2021** at www.getyourgirlpower.org

The link to register is on the events calendar



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Discover

1. Learn more about Vera's life. Look for books at your local library or look online with an adult to learn about how she started her career.
2. Upon her graduation from college, in 1971, Wang shelved her skating career and began working for Vogue magazine. Within a year, at the age of 23, Wang was promoted to senior fashion editor. She held that title for the next 15 years. In 1987, she left Vogue to take a job as a design director for accessories at Ralph Lauren. List other types of careers connected to the Fashion Industry such as Make-up artist, and audio/visual engineer.
3. What is a fashion designer? What does it take to be fashion designer? Check out fabrics, styles, and textures.
4. Research fashion trends over the past 30 years. Discuss the differences and similarities among them. Learn what influences fashion trends.

Connect

5. Learn about sewing supplies and their purposes (needles, pins, pincushion, thread, thimble, scissors, patterns, rotary cutter, rotary mats, tape measure and more). Visit a fabric or quilting shop. Check out natural materials and some of the synthetic materials. Learn how to make basic stitch using a needle.
6. In 1989, Wang wed longtime boyfriend Arthur Becker. Frustrated with the slim selection of existing bridal wear, she sketched her own design and commissioned a dressmaker to tailor the elaborate gown at a cost of \$10,000. The following year, with some financial backing from her father, Wang opened her own bridal boutique in the upscale Carlyle Hotel on Madison Avenue in New York City. Compare



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wedding dresses from the 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, and current styles. Sketch an outfit. If you're feeling really ambitious, make and model the outfit out of any materials you have available.

7. Additionally, Vera has made outfits for figure skaters like Michelle Kwan, Nancy Kerrigan and Evan Lysacek. She designed the uniforms that are worn by Philadelphia Eagles Cheerleaders. In 2005, she was presented with an award for the year's designer for women from the Council of Fashion Designers of America. In 2009, she was honored for her design contributions to the sport of skating. Vera Wang has designed and manufactured wedding dresses for several noted personalities learn what education is needed to become a designer. Make a list, cut out different styles, or look through books of some famous fashion designers and their styles. Which designs do you like the best?

Take Action

8. Learn if there are any shelters in your area that are in need of clothing such as warm clothing or clothing for mothers with babies or young children. Coordinate a clothing drive and donate the items to the shelter.
9. Learn how the Girl Scout and Girl Guide uniforms have changed since the beginning of Girl Scouts in 1912. Design a coloring book for younger girls that display the different uniforms.
10. Assemble a photo journal that depicts the history of fashion design. Display your journal at your local library, school or other community event.