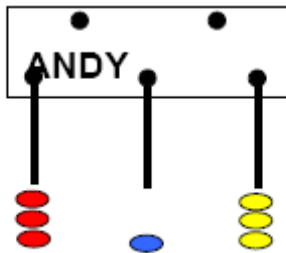


## DEN DOODLES

Den doodles are a fantastic way to generate enthusiasm for attendance, wearing a uniform, participating in den meetings, and reaching achievement milestones. When used with the Instant Recognition Beads, it can be a way to motivate underachievers, and reward overachievers at the same time. Remember to bring your den doodles to Pack Meetings to show off your Cubs' progress to their parents and family.

Den doodles can be in almost any shape and size. The only limitations are your imagination and portability. Most den doodles have strings or plastic lace attached to it. When your Cub does something worth rewarding, you put a bead or trinket on the string. Plastic pony beads come in different sizes and every shade in the rainbow (and then some). Assign a colored bead for attendance, one for bringing a book, one for wearing a uniform, etc. Special beads like plastic claws, fancy buttons, or something that



stands out can be used to recognize achieving rank.

This example allows you to personalize the den doodle with the Cub's name, then add a bead for

**C**oming to den meeting,

Coming in **U**niform,

Bringing the **B**ook.

Use the three holes in the bottom for string or plastic lace, and the two holes in the top to mount it on a board with doodles for the entire den.

Use your creativity

and imagination with your den doodles. Make them colorful, interesting, and let your Cubs help design them. Don't be afraid to change your den doodles from time to time to keep things fresh. The Scout Shops have large stickers with the Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos rank patches. Those can be a great start for you. For Webelos dens, you are allowed to choose a patrol name for your den. Incorporate that patrol animal or "critter" in your den doodle.

A quick trip to the craft section at Wal-Mart, or better yet, an excursion to a large craft store like Michaels, AC Moore, or a Dollar Store, etc. will open your eyes with the availability and variety of inexpensive but impressive beads that are available. There are glow-in-the-dark beads the Cubs go crazy for. There are patriotic beads, hearts, stars, squares, etc. in a fantastic array of colors and sizes. There are literally hundreds of commercial web sites that sell beads in more varieties than the local stores can possibly carry.

Also, check out the larger craft stores for small wooden shapes, or "Woodsies." These come in a large array of shapes and sizes. They will require a bit of paint, but they can be used to "dress up" a den doodle in fun and interesting ways. Don't limit yourself, or your Cub's imagination. You will be impressed with the ideas your Cubs will come up with for their den doodle.

