

Tea Party

Complete the starred activity and three others of your choice.

- *1.** Attend a tea party with your mother, aunt, grandmother, or another special woman in your life. The tea party could be hosted by your troop, or it could take place in a special tea shop.
- 2.** In the South, most people love sweetened iced tea, but there are many other teas to drink, and most of them are served warm or hot. Sample at least three different teas, such as herbal tea, Russian tea, green tea, or black tea.
- 3.** Make a card that includes a teabag. This might be a special surprise for your mother or a special friend.
- 4.** Look at several different teacups and teapots. How are they the same and how are they different? Find out the difference between a male teacup and a female teacup.
- 5.** Learn the proper way to brew tea. Since this involves boiling water, always have an adult help you. Fill a teakettle with cold water. Heat the water just until it starts to boil. (Heating it any longer will affect the taste of the tea.) Warm a teapot with some of the hot water for a few minutes and then pour the hot water out. Refill the teapot with more hot water and add the teabags. Allow them to brew for three to five minutes and then remove them. Don't squeeze the teabags when you remove them. (This leaves a bitter taste.)
- 6.** Discuss and practice good manners before and during the tea party. Sit up straight and don't tip your chair. Put your napkin on your lap. Remember to say "please" and "thank you" when offered tea, another drink, or food. Don't talk with food in your mouth. Can you think of any other manners to remember?

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