

**Section:** [SCOUTS]

**Activity name:** International Dress-Up

**Short description:** A great game to get Cubs/Scouts thinking about people from other countries.

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**Equipment:** Internationally relevant clothes, hats, props, etc  
(These should be brought from home, but you may wish to provide a stock yourself following a visit to charity shop)

**Resources:**

**Duration:** From 20 minutes to 40 minutes

**Numbers:**  WHOLE SECTION

**Location:**  INDOOR

The previous week:

- Tell the Troop/Pack to bring some clothes, hats or accessories the following week. Tell them they will need to dress up members of their Patrol/Six as people from a variety of countries from around the world. Accessories could include toy animals, or objects like boomerangs or skis.

**Instructions:** The activity itself:

- With the costumes/accessories assembled in Patrol/Six groups, ready to go, call out the name of a country. Each Patrol/Six has a few minutes to dress up one member as a person from that country. Award points or pick the best Patrol/Six for each country
- Repeat this for four to six rounds, perhaps with a different Leader choosing the country each time. You can choose to take a sneaky look at what clothes they have brought, or just ignore and go for random countries

When I tried this with my Troop, after a while they became very inventive, adding a Patrol member as a camel for Morocco, and miming a Venetian gondola for Italy. Reward innovation like this!

**Additional Information:**

Make sure you give adequate notice.

**Programme zone(s) :** Creative  
Global  
Creative Expression  
Global  
Games  
Singing, stories, drama  
**Method(s):** Team challenges  
Design and creativity  
Games  
Team-building activities