Mission Patches Background Information

The crew of Gemini 5 created the first mission patch in 1965. The tradition of creating a mission patch before the mission continues still today.

Mission patches are created for space missions. For every mission to space, NASA astronauts design a mission patch. The patch represents the work the astronauts will do during the mission. The astronaut crew designs the mission patch for their mission.

Some things included on the patch are the names of the crew, name of the space vehicle, the mission number and anything else that the crew feels is important to their mission. Mission patches are a way to bring everyone working on a mission together. You can include pictures and symbols that are important to the mission.

The mission patch tells the story of the astronaut crew and what they hope to accomplish on their mission. The astronauts and team members will all wear the mission patch on their uniforms.

Mission patches are an important part of every space mission. Your mission patches will be important during your upcoming e-Lab.

