



SKILLS

Programme ideas: Skills section

When completing each section of your DofE, you should develop a programme which is specific and relevant to you. This sheet gives you a list of programme ideas that you could do or you could use it as a starting point to create a Skills programme of your own!

For each idea, there is a useful document giving you guidance on how to do it, which you can find under the category finder on www.DofE.org/skills

It's your choice...

Developing a skill helps you get better at something you are really interested in and gives you the confidence and ability to use this skill both now and later in life.

Help with planning

You can use the handy programme planner on the website to work with your Leader to plan your activity.

Performance arts

Ballet appreciation
Ceremonial drill
Circus skills
Conjuring & magic
Dance appreciation
Majorettes
Puppetry
Singing
Speech & drama
Theatre appreciation
Ventriloquism
Yo-yo extreme

Science & technology

Aerodynamics
Anatomy
Astronomy
Biology
Botany
Chemistry
Ecology
Electronics
Engineering
Entomology
IT
Marine biology
Oceanography
Paleontology
Physics
Rocket making
Taxonomy
Weather/meteorology
Website design
Zoology

Care of animals

Agriculture (keeping livestock)
Aquarium keeping
Beekeeping
Caring for reptiles
Dog training & handling
Horse/donkey/llama/alpaca
handling & care
Keeping of pets
Looking after birds (i.e. budgies &
canaries)
Pigeon breeding & racing

Music

Church bell ringing
Composing
DJing
Evaluating music & musical
performances
Improvising melodies
Listening to, analysing & describing
music
Music appreciation
Playing a musical instrument
Playing in a band
Reading & notating music
Understanding music in relation to
history & culture

Natural world

Agriculture
Conservation
Forestry
Gardening
Groundsmanship
Growing carnivorous plants
Plant growing

Snail farming
Vegetable growing

Games & sports

Cards (i.e. bridge)
Chess
Clay target shooting
Cycle maintenance
Darts
Dominoes
Fishing/fly fishing
Flying
Gliding
Go-karting
Historical period re-enacting
Kite construction & flying
Mah Jongg
Marksmanship
Model construction & racing
Motor sports
Power boating
Snooker, pool & billiards
Sports appreciation
Sports leadership
Sports officiating
Table games
War games

Life skills

Alternative therapies
Cookery
Democracy in action
Digital lifestyle
Driving: car maintenance/car road
skills
Driving: motorcycle maintenance/

road skills
Event planning
First Aid – St John/St Andrew/
BRCS
Hair & beauty
Learning about the emergency
services
Learning about the RNLI (Lifeboats)
Library & information skills
Life skills
Massage
Money management
Navigation
Public speaking and debating
Skills for employment
Young Enterprise

Learning & collecting

Aeronautics
Aircraft recognition
Anthropology
Archaeology
Astronautics
Astronomy
Bird watching
Coastal navigation
Coins
Collections, studies & surveys
Comics
Contemporary legends
Costume study
Criminology
Dowsing & divining
Fashion
Forces insignia
Gemstones
Genealogy
Heraldry
History of art
Language skills
Military history

Movie posters
Postcards
Reading
Religious studies
Ship recognition
Stamp collecting

Media & communication

Amateur radio
Communicating with people who
are visually impaired
Communicating with people who
have a hearing impediment
Film & video making
Journalism
Newsletter & magazine production
Signalling
Writing

Creative arts

Basket making
Boat work
Brass rubbing
Building catapults & trebuchets
Cake decoration
Camping gear making
Candle-making
Canoe building
Canvas work
Carnival/festival float construction
Ceramics
Clay modelling
Crocheting
Cross stitch
DIY
Dough craft
Drawing
Dressmaking
Egg decorating
Embroidery
Enamelling

Fabric printing
Feng Shui
Floral decoration
French polishing
Furniture restoration
Glass blowing
Glass painting
Interior design
Jewellery making
Knitting
Lace making
Leatherwork
Lettering & calligraphy
Macramé
Marquetry
Model construction
Mosaic
Painting & design
Patchwork
Photography
Pottery
Quilting
Rope work
Rug making
Snack pipping
Soft toy making
Tatting
Taxidermy
Textiles
Weaving and spinning
Wine/beer making
Woodwork

Visit
www.DofE.org/skills
for more guidance, information,
programme planners and programme ideas.