

LEARNING MORE ABOUT KIT KITTREDGE

Kit Kittredge is a clever, resourceful girl whose family and friends struggle to make ends meet during the Great Depression—the most severe economic crisis in American history. Kit Kittredge has a camera and typewriter. She inspires to be a reporter and has a nose for news, but having to give up her bedroom and move to the attic isn't the best news she has ever heard! Soon she realizes just how fortunate her family really is. She even comes up with an idea to help her family earn more money and help out. She also visits the local soup kitchen and befriends a young hobo named Will. Many people were afraid of the hoboes and thought they were dangerous. Hoboes developed their own special language of symbols that they marked on houses, fences, and sidewalks to tell other wanderers what they might find there. Kit's friend Will taught her how to read hobo code. You can learn it as well by using the symbols enclosed.

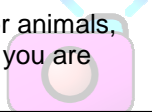
STEPS FOR COMPLETING DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHER BADGE [badge is not included] You will need a digital camera or phone with a digital camera on it to complete this badge.

1. Learn how to use a digital camera or phone camera.

Learn how to use the digital camera you will be working with to complete this project. Work with an adult and spend time learning the basic steps on using and taking care of the digital camera.

2. Take TEN Photos

Choose one of the following topics to take 10 or more photos of. TOPICS: Friends or group of friends, pets or animals, OR landscapes or outdoors. If some are out of focus or too dark then delete them until you have ten photos you are happy with. Have fun and include yourself in some of the photos if possible.



3. Editing Photos

Choose one of your photos and edit it. You can do this by using a photo printing website when you order your photo online, a digital program, or APP on your phone. Examples include: Making a collage, changing the background, adding a frame, make it a black and white photo, add text to photo, and cropping pictures with scissors.

4. Make a Collage

Choose one at least three photos to create a collage. A collage is a collection of pictures to create a new picture or page. Create the collage in a photo book or using a photo printing website, a digital program, or APP on your phone.

5. Compile your Pictures Together

Now that you have taken all your photos, you can post them online, with an adult's assistance OR create a photo book with your photos. Show your photos to your friends and family online or in your book. You completed the scrapbook included in this kit then you completed this requirement.



OTHER PATCHES IN KIT TO COMPLETE

1. Journalism and Messaging [PATCH] Complete one requirement

Included in this kit is the HOBBO code message worksheet to complete day. Do you have special codes you send to your friends when you write or message them?



2. Photography and Scrapbooking [PATCH] Complete one requirement

Take pictures or create a scrapbook. Scrapbook included.



3. Recycle and Reuse [PATCH] Complete one requirement

Recycle or Reuse one item to earn this patch. Recycle sheet included on next page

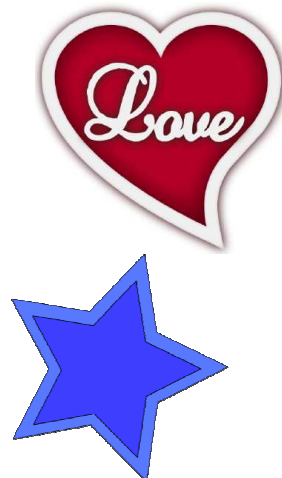
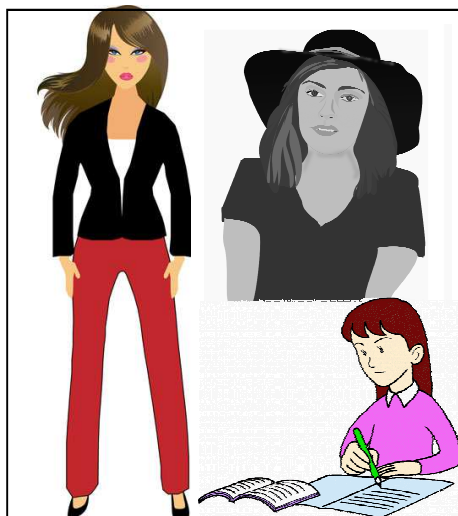
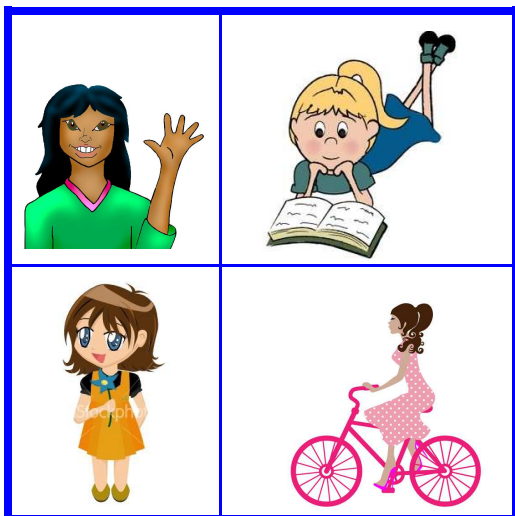


4. Kit [PATCH] Complete one requirement

Complete any other activity in the packet to earn the Kit patch OR read one of her books.

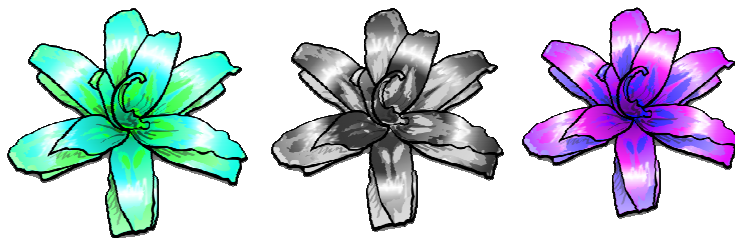
4. MAKING A COLLAGE

A collage is a collection of pictures to create a new picture or page. Create the collage in a photo book or using a photo printing website, a digital program, in a photo book, or APP on your phone



Collage photos by putting them together to create one picture. You can also make collages on your phone in special APP programs. You can add stickers, text and borders.

You can also use the same photo but print it in different colors using a color change.



You can also create collages in a scrapbook by cutting out photos and grouping them together on one page.

You can create a collage on your phone or digital program and print it out to place in scrapbook or online.



5. Compile your Pictures Together

Now that you have taken all your photos, you can post them online, **with an adult's assistance** OR create a photo book with your photos. Show your photos to your friends and family online or in your book.

Never post pictures online without the permission of the people that are in the picture. Some people don't like their photos online.

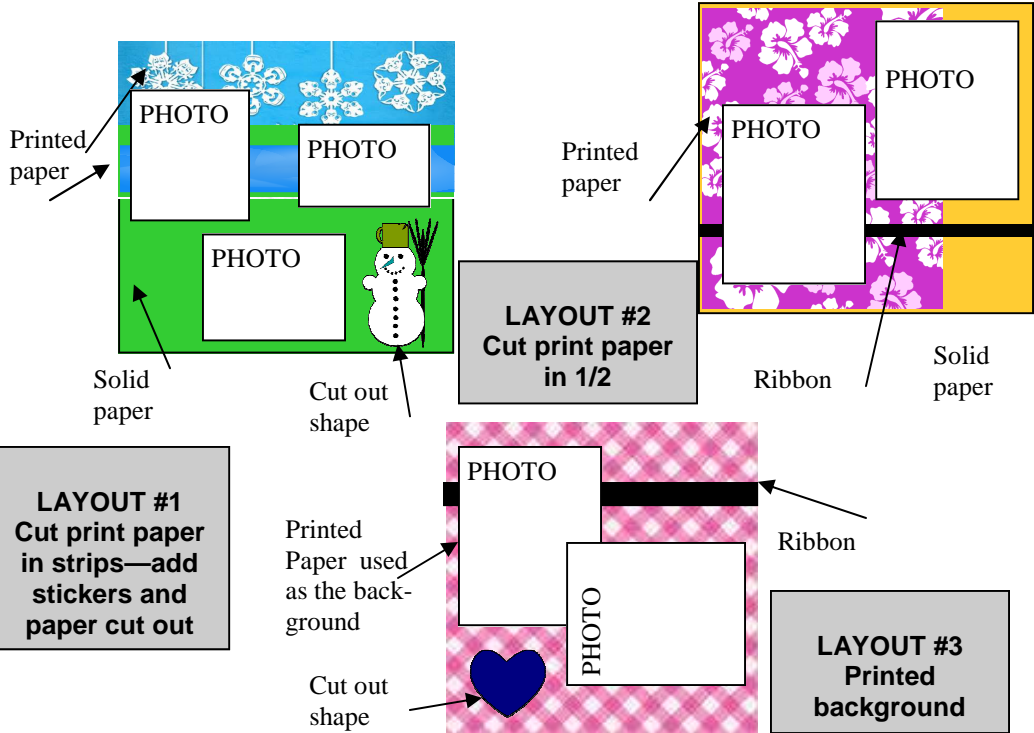
SCRAPBOOKING

Get Organized Before You Start

GATHER ALL YOUR PHOTOS: Organize and print out all the photos that you would like to put in your scrapbook.
GATHER ALL YOUR SUPPLIES: gather all your stickers, adhesive, any other items you want to place in your book.

TRIMMING YOUR PHOTOS: When you choose your photos trim off parts of the photo that are not needed. Example: merging items, cars, or empty space. You can trim your photo with scissors or before you process them on line. After you trim your photos and print them out. Lay them out on pages according to event or paper you are using. Below are some examples of layouts you can try or inspire you.

LAYOUT: Use the cover page of your scrapbook located in this kit to measure out the size of each page you are creating. Cut one of the solid or printed papers to fit as your background page. Layout the items you wish to place on each page. You can start with the background page. It can be a solid or printed paper. Next, you can also cut the paper in strips or shapes and cover the background page. Use the layout ideas on the side as a guide to creating the layout that works best for you. Slide your finished page in the top of your scrapbook after you finished it.



Adhesive to place your photos, paper, and embellishments down

There is a variety of adhesive you can use on your scrapbook. Some include a glue stick, glue dots, and tape runners. All are available at your local craft store. Never use white school glue, it destroys photo.

GLUE DOTS: They are small, double-sided adhesives are perfect for permanently bonding items like pictures, ribbon and sequins!

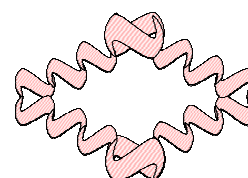
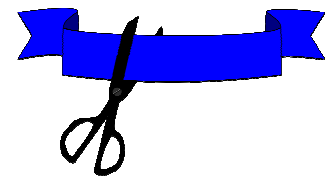
TAPE RUNNER: Rolls out small white rectangles of double sided adhesive.



Using Ribbon in your Scrapbook

There are many ways you can use ribbon on your page you are creating.

- **Frame a Photo**—cut the ribbon to fit around the photo and secure it down
- **Create a shape** using thin ribbon or fiber ribbon. Glue it in place.
- **Make a Border** along the side or bottom
- **Tie It Up**— Tie it in a bow and place it on the page with a glue dot





Recycle and Reuse {Recycle at least **one** item}

RECYCLE CHART

Did you know that an average family throws away one ton of trash a year? Most of the trash in the average garbage can be recycled instead of being thrown away. We need to recycle our products so we can cut down on the amount of trash in the landfills and the price of products we use daily. If you already recycle then you are already one step closer to protecting our planet.

Keep track of the number of items you recycle in a week.

					
DAY	# of Plastic products	#of glass products	#of paper products	#of aluminum products	Other
Sunday					
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					
Saturday					

List any other items you recycled donated for reuse.

Examples include: recycle at school or home, create a craft from a recycled product, give your clothes away to a thrift shop, donate magazines to schools or retired facilities, buy recycled items, OR collect recycled material for a cause.





Kit

Resourcefulness

1. During the Depression, people didn't use as many disposable products as we do today. Instead, people reused things, which was less wasteful and saved them money. Fill in the rest of the chart by naming a reusable alternative to the disposable item for each purpose.

Purpose	Disposable Item	Reusable Alternative
wiping noses	paper facial tissues	
holding groceries	paper or plastic bags	
wiping up spills	paper towels	
keeping babies dry	disposable diapers	

2. Kit's family does many different things to make ends meet. On the line below each activity, tell whether you would enjoy doing it or not, and why.

Kit's family rents rooms in the house to boarders.

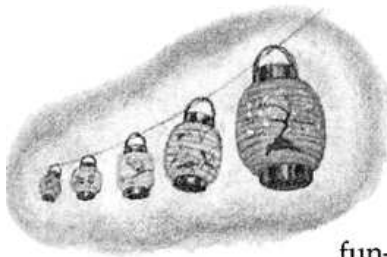
Kit helps tend a garden to grow food for her family.

Aunt Millie buys discounted foods, such as day-old bread, wilted produce, and dented cans.

Kit wears hand-me-down clothes instead of new ones.

Kit and Stirling keep chickens and sell the eggs to raise money for Kit's family.

Kit and Stirling write and illustrate a book filled with Aunt Millie's money-saving ideas.



Penny-Pincher Puzzle

At first, Kit didn't like Aunt Millie's idea of a Penny-Pincher birthday party. Kit didn't want her friends to know how poor her family was. But Kit realized that her aunt's ideas were clever—and fun—ways to make do during the Depression. Unscramble the boldfaced words to discover how Kit and her guests celebrated at the Penny-Pincher Party. Then arrange the letters that appear in the circles to reveal one of Aunt Millie's favorite sayings.

1. Stirling made paper **tayrp tsha** for all the guests to wear.
2. Mr. Peck played his big bass **eldfdi**.
3. Mr. and Mrs. Bell taught everyone to square **ncade**.
4. Miss Hart and Miss Finney sang "My **ladrign** Clementine."
5. Charlie took pictures with his **raacem**.
6. Aunt Millie's friend the butcher helped them cook **toh sodg** on sticks over a fire.
7. Kit's mother taught them how to make flower **seacelknc**.
8. Aunt Millie showed everyone how to pick **dinnodlea** greens to make a salad.
9. Kit's friends fed the chickens and gathered **gegs**.
10. The yard was lit with **natnlres** Aunt Millie had saved from a trash pile.

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Answer: Waste not, want not.

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Crack the Code

Can you crack the hobo code? Unscramble the letters to discover what each symbol means.

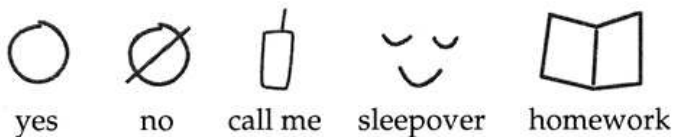


1.  hit the _____ (odra)
2.  _____ dog (ikarbng)
3.  beware or _____ (rnagde)
4.  _____ lady (dnki)
5.  bad _____ (arwte)
6.  _____ with a gun nearby (meeosn)

Answers: 1. road, 2. barking, 3. danger, 4. kind, 5. water, 6. someone

Make Your Own Hobo Code

1. Look at the key of symbols below.
2. Now create a key with symbols of your own.
3. Write a note to a friend using the symbols in the keys.
4. Cut out the key and secret message below.
Give them to a friend to see if she can decode your message.



Draw your symbols here:

Dear _____

Your friend,

Kit Kittredge at the Movies

An Eight-Letter Mystery

Kit, Ruthie, and Stirling were working on a new issue of *The Hard Times News*. True, their newspaper office was really a bedroom, and the reporters, who were all recovering from scarlet fever, were dressed in pajamas. But Kit still took the job of newspaper writing very seriously.

"We should make a crossword puzzle for people to do," said Stirling. "Like real newspapers have."

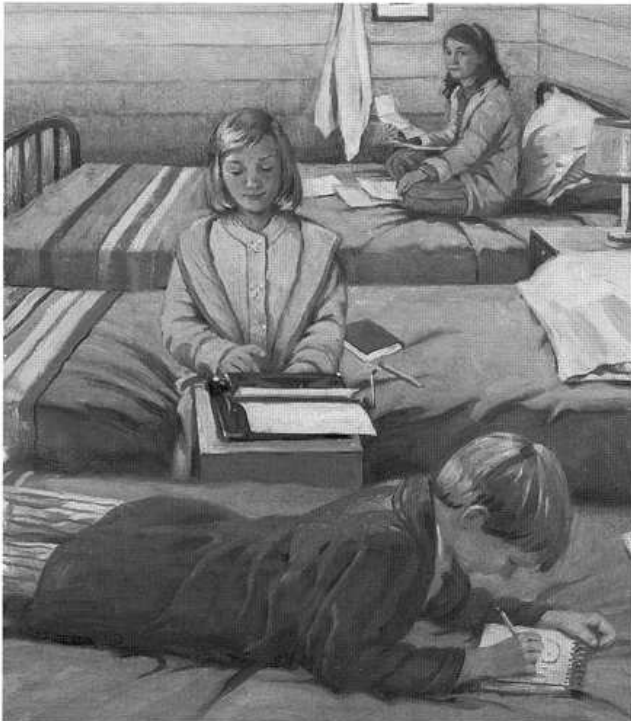
"This is a real newspaper," Kit said sharply. "We provide real news."

"Okay, okay, you know what I mean. A newspaper that *grownups* read."

"Grownups read my newspaper!" Kit was indignant.

"He means grownups who aren't your parents," Ruthie explained.

"All the boarders read my newspaper. They're grownups, and they certainly aren't my parents!" Kit was almost shouting.



"I mean a newspaper that people have to pay for," Stirling cut in quickly. "Calm down, Kit. Of course this is a real newspaper. But it would be even more real if it had a crossword puzzle."

"Well, I don't know," Kit said. "I'm pretty busy writing *real* articles." Secretly, she thought a crossword puzzle was a good idea. But she was still smarting at the notion that her newspaper was just play, so she didn't want to admit that the idea was a good one.

"That's a great idea!" said Ruthie. "I love doing crossword puzzles. How about if I make it? I mean, since you're busy doing the articles," she added quickly with a nervous glance at Kit.

"Well . . ." Kit hesitated. "Okay. But make sure it has lots of big words, not just a bunch of little easy ones. Remember, this is a newspaper for grownups."

Ruthie and Stirling flushed. Stirling handed Ruthie a pencil and then turned back to the illustration he was drawing.

Half an hour later, Ruthie was still bent over her paper, hard at work. Creating a crossword puzzle wasn't easy. "Can anyone think of a word that has four G's in it?" she asked.

Kit paused in her typing. "How many letters should it have?"

"Eight."

"What letter does it need to start with?" Stirling asked.

"G," said Ruthie.

"And what letter should it end with?" asked Kit.

"G," said Ruthie. "Never mind. I think it's impossible."

Suddenly Kit began to laugh.

"What's so funny?" asked Stirling.

"The word I thought of!" Kit answered.

What was it?

Answer: giggling



Newsroom Word Search

The noisy newsroom of the *Cincinnati Register* was one of Kit's favorite places. She loved to pretend that she was a reporter for the newspaper. Can you find all of the newspaper words in this puzzle? The words are hidden backward, forward, diagonally, and up and down. Some letters will be used for more than one word.

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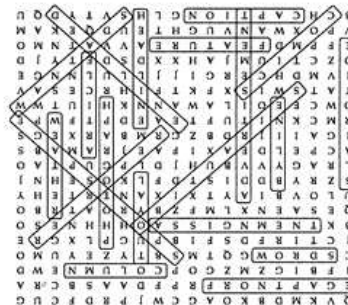
SPORTS PAGE

WANT ADS

WEATHER

WORDS

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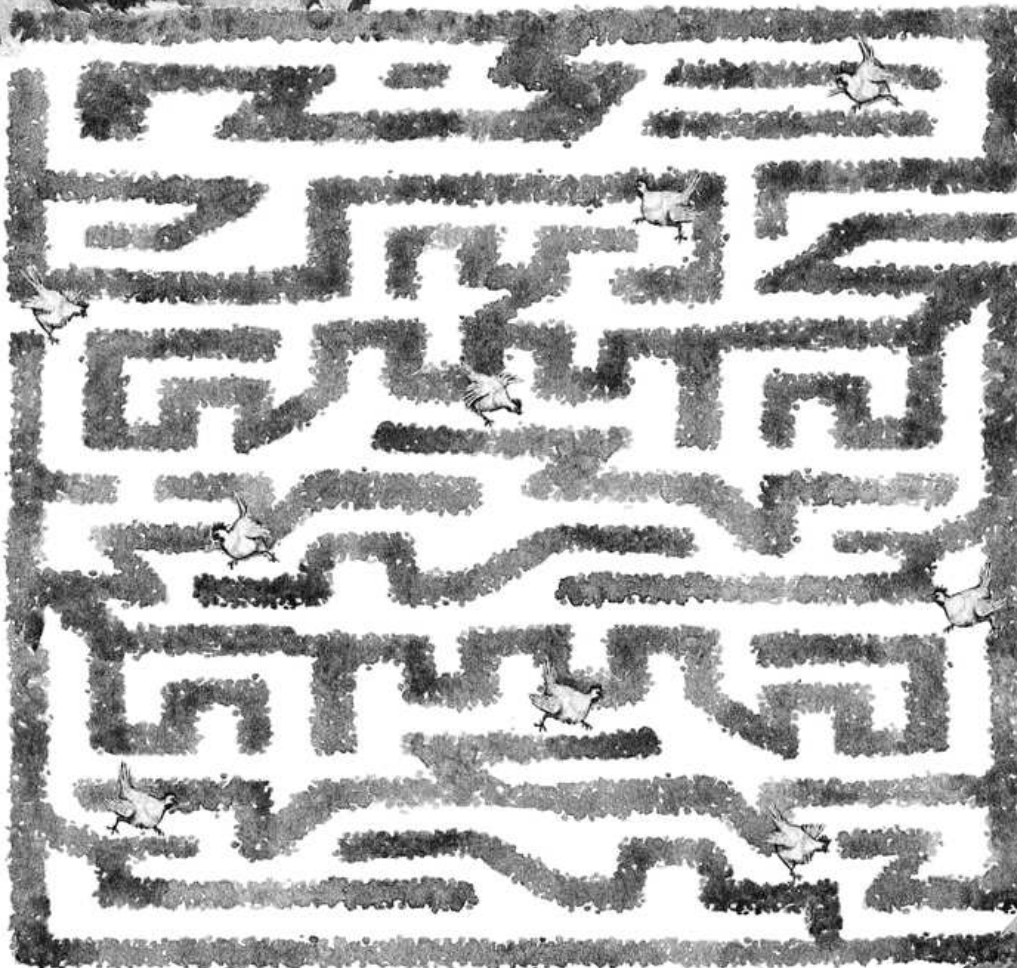
Kit Kittredge



Grace and the Chicken Race

The Kittredges raise chickens and sell the eggs, but there can be no eggs if Grace keeps chasing the chickens. Help Kit catch Grace in this backyard maze. Pass each chicken on the way to the finish—without doubling back!

Start



Answer:



Finish

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Kit Kittredge at the Movies

Kit Kittredge Word Search

In the 1930s, Americans in all walks of life struggled to cope with the hard times of the Great Depression. As businesses and banks across the country closed due to lack of money, people lost their jobs and sometimes their life savings.

People without jobs worried about being able to feed their families and pay the rent, so they had no money for new things. That meant that businessmen like Kit's dad, who sold cars, had to close their businesses.

In spite of the hard times, Americans found creative ways to make do and to help one another. Families like the Kittredges turned their homes into boarding houses, and took in *boarders*, who paid to rent rooms. They also reused everything, grew their own vegetables, and even started selling eggs.

Can you find the 15 words below in the word search? They may appear backward, forward, up, down, or diagonally.

S O G A O O G R A C E T
 N T N T S D U K E N N G
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 I K P R H E Y N M R B P
 S T L I L H V Y I I X I
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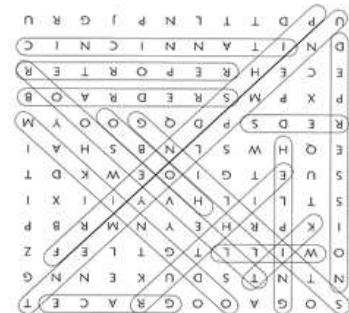
BOARDERS
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 FRIENDSHIP
 GRACE

HELPING
 HOBO
 KIT
 MAKING DO
 REPORTER

ROOSEVELT
 RUTHIE
 STIRLING
 UNEMPLOYMENT
 WILL



Abigail Breslin is Kit in *Kit Kittredge: An American Girl*. Keeping chickens meant that families had fresh eggs to eat—and to sell to earn a little extra money.



Checkerboard Sandwiches

- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons of jam or jelly
- 4 slices white bread
- 4 slices dark bread
- Mixing bowl
- Whisk
- Butter knife
- Sharp knife and cutting board



Put the cream cheese and the jam or jelly in the mixing bowl. Use the whisk to mix them together. Spread each piece of dark bread with the cream cheese mixture, using the butter knife. Then place the white bread on top to make 4 sandwiches. Stack 2 sandwiches as shown. With the sharp knife, trim off the crusts so that the sandwiches are square-shaped. Separate the sandwiches. Cut each sandwich into four small squares. Arrange the squares into a checkerboard pattern. Repeat steps 3 and 4 with the other 2 sandwiches. Keep the sandwiches in the refrigerator until you serve them.

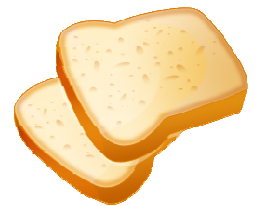
Food Products in the 30's

Tastee Bread
 Bisquick (1931)
 Oscar Mayer wieners
 Skippy peanut butter (1933)
 Beech-Nut baby food (1931)
 Land o' Lakes butter
 Carnation canned milk
 Kraft macaroni & cheese (1937)
 Spam (1937)
 Spaghetti
 Fritos corn chips (1932)
 Ritz crackers (1932)
 Sugar Babies (1935)

- Softened butter
- 7 thick slices white bread
- 3 eggs
- 4 cups milk
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- Cream

Cooking Items:

- Baking dish with lid
- Butter knife
- Mixing bowl
- Fork
- Wooden spoon



Bread Pudding

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Grease the baking dish with butter. Set it aside. Spread butter thickly on each bread slice. Cut the slices in half, then line the bottom and sides of the baking dish with the bread, buttered-side up. Set any remaining bread slices aside. Crack the eggs into the mixing bowl. Beat them with the fork. Add the milk, sugar, salt, raisins, vanilla, and cinnamon. Mix well, then pour the mixture over the bread. Place any remaining bread slices on top, and press them down so that they are covered with the liquid. Let the bread pudding soak for 10 minutes. Cover the dish and bake the pudding for 30 minutes. Then uncover the dish and bake it for another 30 minutes. Take the dish out of the oven. Serve warm with a little cream poured over on top.