


Indianapolis Children's Choir Patch Program



Overview: The Indianapolis Children's Choir (ICC) Patch Program is a way to recognize the accomplishments and musical journey of each individual singer that participates in our programs. Patches are earned when a singer first becomes a member of the ICC, when they enter a new choir, and when they complete additional ICC programming like music theory testing.

Patches can be displayed on an ICC track jacket, a backpack, or an item of the singer's choosing. This guide will detail the patches, when they are earned, how to purchase jackets and backpacks, and how to affix patches to commemorate a singer's ICC journey.

Note that upon earning a patch, it will be given to the singer at no cost. If a replacement patch is needed, they can be ordered through the ICC Office for a small fee of \$5.00 per patch. The item that the patches are attached to is not provided by the ICC and purchasing the item is at the discretion of the singer and their family.

Patches:

Patch	Description	Example
Member Patch	A general ICC patch is given to all singers when they join the ICC family as a member for the first time. This signifies the start of a singer's journey with the ICC. Singers in CICC and AACC programs will also receive this patch.	
Choir Patches	A new patch is earned each time a singer moves into a new ensemble with the ICC.	

	CICC, or AACC to welcome them to the next step in their growth towards artistic excellence.	
Music Theory Patches	The ICC's Music Theory Program expands upon music concepts taught in rehearsal. Singers in specific choirs take music theory tests annually and those that pass a level will receive a patch to signify their achievement. There is an opportunity to receive 5 Music Theory patches.	
Special Occasion Patches	In the future, patches may be given to singers to participate in special ICC events such as touring.	N/A

Displaying Patches:

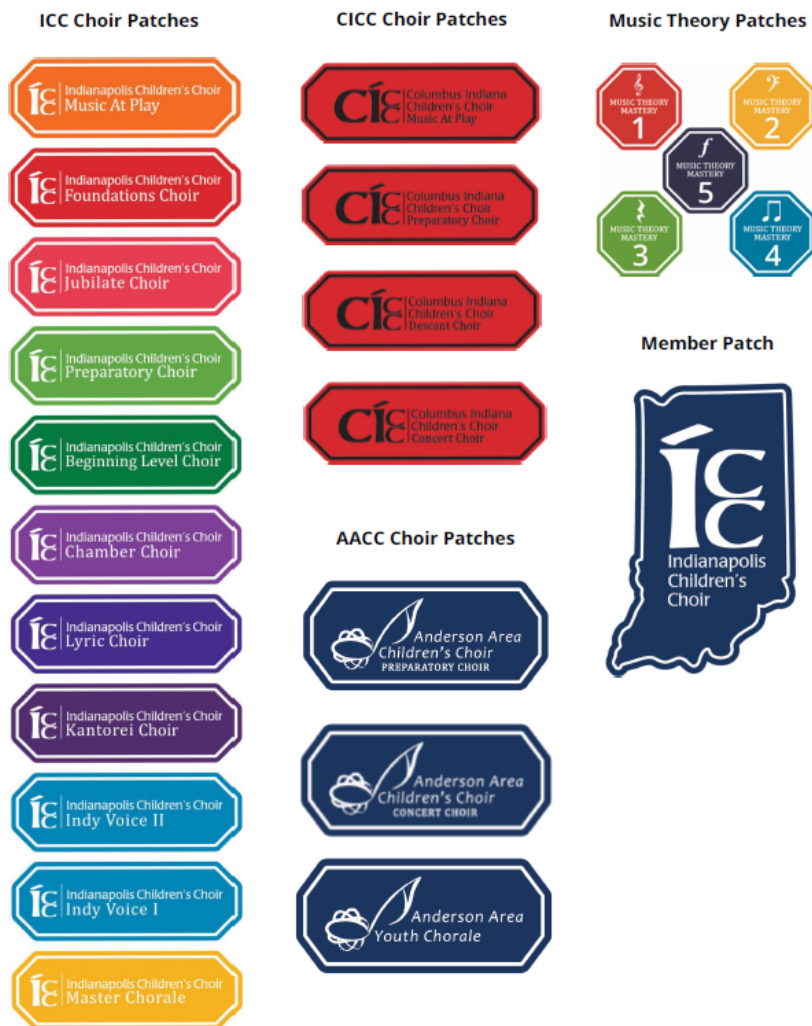
Patches can be affixed to any number of items, including an official ICC, CICC, or AACC track jacket or plain backpack. Alternatively, patches can be displayed on another item of the singer's choosing, such as a plain backpack or jacket that you already have. It is best to choose an item that can display many patches so they can remain all together to show the singer's accomplishments in one special place.

- Track jackets will be available for purchase each fall from the ICC Parents Association apparel partner. There are specific versions for ICC, CICC, and AACC singers that vary in design. When ordering is available, families and singers will be notified with instructions and an order form for placing their orders online with the apparel partner

directly. There is typically a strict deadline for placing the order, which will also be communicated.

- Backpack and bag options you can order on your own:
 - [Lands End Backpack \(red, navy, etc.\)](#)
 - [Lands End Black Backpack](#)
 - [Jansport Adaptive Packs](#)
 - [Plain tote bag](#)

Patches should be displayed in an orderly and professional fashion, as they are representative of the singer and the ICC organization. As much as possible, the patches should be displayed in groupings by type and in the order in which they are received. This is an example of each patch in order of type and choir level:



Affixing

Patches:

There are many ways to attach ICC patches to the garment or item of the singer's choosing. So that your singer can proudly display their patches, please use whichever method is easiest and works best for you. Before you begin, be sure to wash the item you plan to use if it's wearable to ensure that it's clean and free of debris.

Iron On: Most badges and patches can be ironed on, but they may not stay very well. If you plan to iron them on, be sure to follow the directions on the package carefully. We also recommend adding a couple of hand stitches to the top edge of the patch so if the iron-on backing fails, the singer won't lose the patch.

Badge Magic: Many craft stores sell a product called "Badge Magic." You can buy it in sheets that you cut yourself. Stick a piece the same size and shape as the badge to the back of the badge, peel off the backing, and stick it to the vest. Badge Magic has mixed reviews – some people have good luck; some have patches fall off fairly quickly. If you use it, we suggest adding a couple of hand stitches to the top corners of the patches to help keep them from getting lost.

Hand Sew: Sewing isn't that hard! Here's a few tips to help you out:

- Use invisible thread (it's like really fine fishing line) so you don't have to worry about matching your thread to the color of the patch.
- Don't try to push your needle through an iron-on patch; that backing is really thick! Instead, catch the binding threads around the edge of the patch with your needle and sew those down.

Machine Sewing: A sewing machine really speeds up the process and isn't hard to do. Here's some tips:

- Use a basting spray (sold in the quilting section) or painter's tape to hold the patch in place while you sew.
- Use invisible thread for the top thread so you don't have to worry about matching your thread to the color of the patch. If you use a light-colored thread or a contrasting thread for the bobbin, it makes unpicking easier if you need to move a patch later.

- When you reach a corner and need to turn, stop sewing with the needle in the “down” position, raise the pressure foot, and turn the item you are sewing. Lower the foot and continue sewing.

Fabric Glues: Like Badge Magic, fabric glues have a mixed reputation. They work best with patches that do NOT have an iron on backing. If you use them with patches that have a slick, plastic-like back, be sure the glue hits the edges of the patch where the edge binding threads are located. Add a couple of hand stitches to the top edge of the patch so the patch doesn't get lost when the glue fails.

Questions: If you have any questions or concerns, or need to order a replacement patch, please contact the ICC Office at 317.940.9640 or info@icchoir.org