



# August

## Monthly Patch Program Girl Scouts of Central Illinois

### Lucille Ball

*“Love yourself first and everything else falls into line. You really have to love yourself to get anything done in this world.”*

Lucille Ball was an American actress, producer, and comedian. She is most well known for playing the character Lucy Ricardo on the TV show “I Love Lucy” in the 1950s.



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### Discover

1. Who was Lucille Ball? Visit your local library or ask permission from an adult to research her online to learn more about her.
2. Lucille's show "I Love Lucy" was popular in the 1950s and 60s. What other TV shows were popular during those decades? What made "I Love Lucy" stand out among those other series?
3. Lucille continuously broke barriers for women in the entertainment business as both an entertainer and a business woman. What barriers did she break? Who were some of the other women who followed in her footsteps? Research women in the entertainment industry who attribute their success to Lucille Ball.
4. Lucille was the first actress to play a pregnant woman on TV while actually being pregnant. However, that came with a little bit of controversy. Research what the controversy was and why doesn't that happen today to women on-air who are pregnant?

### Connect

5. Lucille's ancestors were mostly English, but a few were Scottish, Irish, and French, and some of them were among the earliest settlers of the original thirteen colonies. Where were your ancestors from originally? Ask your older relatives and see if anything historical has happened within your family tree.
6. Lucille had a fear of birds, known as ornithophobia, which came about when she was three and a bird was trapped with her in her house. Do you have a fear of anything and does it have a specific name? What other types of phobias are there? What is a phobia you find unique and what is it called?

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7. Lucille was only 12 when she auditioned for her first role, a spot in the chorus line for a local stage production. This experience led her to seek a career in showbiz. What do you want to be when you grow up and how do you think your experiences have shaped that path for you? For example, if you want to be a teacher, do you have an experience with a past educator or have been in a teacher-like role that has inspired you to pursue a career in education?
8. “I Love Lucy” introduced several technical innovations to television broadcasting, like the technique of using three cameras to film the show. What other technological advances have been made in television since the 1960’s? Research one of those advances and explain how it has made television better (or worse) today.

### Take Action

9. Lucille could never get past her role as Lucy Ricardo in “I Love Lucy”. She was considered “typecast” and the audience could never see her as just another actress. What does being typecast mean? What are some ways you may have seen this more recently? How do people in the entertainment industry “reinvent” themselves to break away from being “typecast”? Discuss with your troop or your family what ways entertainers have reinvented themselves within the last few decades to make themselves relevant again.
10. Lucille was an avid gardener and found that taking time in her garden was relaxing and comforting. With your family or troop, design a garden for an area in your community that would benefit from having a garden. This could be a flower garden that would help local pollinators and also bring beauty to an area, or a community vegetable garden to help with local food shortages.

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