

Outdoor Art Creator Badge

Purpose: Learn how to do different kinds of fun art projects outdoors.

Step 1. Find art ideas outdoors

Go on a nature detective walk in your own back yard or any outdoor area near you. Looking through a tube, like a paper towel roll, try to spot at least three things from this list: animal, plant that is not green, tree with flowers, insect, bird, fallen leaf, rock with unusual shape, bush as tall as you are, pinecone, acorn, moss on a tree or rock. Just look around and notice.

Step 2. Make something!

Pick up some different small items while you're outside, like leaves, rocks, acorns, blades of grass, or small wildflowers. Then gather any art supplies you have at home: paper, glue, colored pencils, markers, crayons, etc. Think of a picture you can draw using the nature pieces you've collected. Glue or tape the items on your paper. (Make sure you spread them out!) Then draw a picture that includes your nature pieces on your paper.

Step 3. Dance or make music outdoors

Play a nature dance game. First, on small pieces of paper, write names or draw pictures of animals or insects that have fun movements, like how a snake slithers, a deer leaps, and a grasshopper hops. Then go outside with your family. Each of you take a different piece of paper and move like the animal or insect shown on it. Can you guess what animal or insect the other person is doing? Can they guess yours?

Step 4. Be a nature photographer

Take pictures from a miniature world. Pick something tiny in nature (like an ant or a butterfly). Pretend to shrink yourself and take a picture as if you were the ant or butterfly. Focus on a blade of grass like an ant sees, or look down at a flower to show what a butterfly sees. Share your photos with your family. No camera? Draw what an ant or butterfly would see instead. Use a magnifying glass to see the parts inside a flower or a pattern on a shell.

Step 5. Design with nature

Build a Brownie Elf house outdoors. Pretend Brownie Elf and friends are 3 inches tall and need a place to live outdoors. What kind of home can you make for them? Look for a place in your backyard or outside your house. Use mud, rocks, leaves, twigs, feathers, dry grass, pinecones/acorns, shells, or anything else to make their house. Make sure to use only items that have fallen, and be careful not to disturb living trees, plants, and flowers.

Congratulations! You've earned the Outdoor Art Maker badge!

Girl Scout Brownies

