

BROWNIE PAINTING BADGE – MEETING 1

Badge Purpose: When girls have earned this badge, they’ll have new ideas about what and how to paint.

Activity Plan Length: 1.5 hours

Time	Activity	Materials Needed
15 minutes	Getting Started <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls recite the Girl Scout Promise + Law and sing the Brownie Smile song. 	<input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Girl Scout Promise and Law poster <input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Brownie Smile song lyrics poster
15 minutes	Explore More <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls will look at various styles of painting and identify pictures that they really like. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Library books with different styles of painting
25 minutes	Paper Bag Imagination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls will use their imaginations to paint a landscape scene. 	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 Grocery paper bags <input type="checkbox"/> Paint <input type="checkbox"/> Bowls/cups to hold paint <input type="checkbox"/> Paintbrushes <input type="checkbox"/> Large pieces of paper (1 per girl) <input type="checkbox"/> Clean-up supplies
20 minutes	Snack Chat and Organic Stamping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls will enjoy a healthy snack and also try organic stamping to make a painting. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Fruits and vegetables (for eating) <input type="checkbox"/> Fruits and vegetables (cut into various shapes for stamping) <input type="checkbox"/> Washable paints <input type="checkbox"/> Paper plates <input type="checkbox"/> Napkins <input type="checkbox"/> Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Paper towels
15 minutes	Wrapping Up	<input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Make New Friends song lyrics poster

Getting Started

Time: 15 minutes

Materials Needed: (Optional) Girl Scout Promise and Law poster and (optional) Brownie Smile song lyrics poster

Welcome everyone to the meeting, recite the Girl Scout Promise and Law, and sing the Brownie Smile song.



Activity #1: Explore More

Time: 15 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 1 — Get inspired

Materials Needed: Art books with different style paintings

Prep Needed:

- Check your local library for art books. We suggest searching for impressionism, pointillism, cubism, pop art and realism.
1. Have girls look through the art books and find pictures of paintings that they really like.
 2. Have girls share their favorite pictures with one another.
 3. Discuss with the girls the different styles of art such as pointillism, pop art, cubism, impressionism, realism, etc. Ask girls to share their thoughts about the paintings and how the different pictures make them feel.

BOOK SUGGESTIONS:

- *Painting Techniques* by Diana Fisher
- *13 Paintings Children Should Know* by Angel Wenzel
- *Art: A Visual History* by Robert Cumming

Activity #2: Paper Bag Imagination

Time: 25 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 2 — Paint the real world

Materials Needed: Grocery paper bags (2-3 bags); paint; bowls or cups to hold the paint; paintbrushes; large pieces of paper (one per girl)

Prep Needed:

- Crumble the paper bags to various degrees and set them up on a table that the girls can see.
 - Set up the painting materials around the table for the girls.
1. Set up the paper bags upside down and near each other. They should stand at various heights and positions depending on how they were crumpled.
 2. Have girls use their imaginations to paint landscapes using the paper bags as inspiration for their landscapes. Are the bags mountains? Trees? Clouds? Animals?

Activity #3: Snack Chat and Organic Stamping

Time: 20 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 4 — Paint without brushes

Materials Needed: Assorted, washed and cut fresh fruits and vegetables; paper plates; napkins; washable paints; paper; paper towels

Prep Needed:

- Prep various fruits and veggies for a snack.
 - Wash and cut assorted fruits and veggies into halves for the stamping activity.
 - For stamping, cut patterns into some of the fruit and veggies. Cut various shapes, such as squares, triangles, etc. (Potatoes work really well for this.) Leave some without patterns for girls to see what designs are made just from the food item.
1. Pass out snack for the girls.
 2. As the girls finish snack, ask them to think of a time when they haven't used paintbrushes to paint pictures.
 - What have you used besides brushes? Your fingers and hands? Other objects?
 - Have you ever used fruits and vegetables to paint?



3. Using the fruit and veggie stamps, have girls each make their own painting. Demonstrate how the girls should lightly dip the stamp into the bowl and then stamp their paper.
4. Encourage girls to try the different stamps.
5. Ask them which stamps they like best and if they think there are other things they can use to paint with at home, such as leaves or small branches.

Wrapping Up

Time: 15 minutes

Materials Needed: (Optional) Make New Friends song lyrics poster

Close the meeting by singing Make New Friends and doing a friendship circle.

More to Explore

- Field Trip Ideas:
 - Visit a local art museum.
 - Take a walk around your meeting place. When you return, have girls paint something they saw.
- Speaker Ideas:
 - Invite a local artist to your meeting.
 - Invite a museum docent or curator to your meeting to talk about paintings.
 - Invite an art teacher to your meeting.

