

## **Brownie- Outdoor Art Creator Badge - Outdoor**

**Goal:** As an artist, you can walk outside and see colors, shapes, and ideas for things you want to create. Find out how you can make your own art outdoors and have fun doing it!

*To complete the entire badge, gather these supplies ahead of time:*

- An outdoor space
- Scavenger hunt list (below)
- Pencil
- Paper towel roll to look through (optional)
- Crayons or chalk
- Paper
- Leaves
- Sticks
- Yarn or string
- Tin cans, bottle caps, other small metal objects
- Decorative items of your choosing- stickers, paint, colorful duct tape, glitter etc..
- Camera/phone
- Outdoor items for building materials- mud, rocks, twigs, shells, dry grass, pinecones, etc.

### **Step 1: Find Art Ideas Outdoors**

*What I'll do:* Go on a nature detective walk. You can do this in a park, on a trail, or in your backyard.

*What I'll need:*

- An outdoor space
- Scavenger hunt list (below)
- Pencil
- Paper towel roll to look through (optional)

*How I'll do it:*

- Print out the list of outdoor items to look for (provided below)
- Go on a walk in an outdoor space!
- Check off what you find- look for at least 3 items
- Look through a paper towel roll to focus on things far away (optional)
  - An animal
  - A plant not colored green
  - A tree with flowers

- An insect
  - A bird (do you know what kind it is?)
  - A fallen leaf with a pattern you like
  - A rock with an unusual shape
  - A bush as tall as you are
  - A pinecone or acorn
  - Colored moss growing on a rock or tree
  - More fun stuff you find (write what it is)
- Can't get outside? Take a virtual tour of a national <https://artsandculture.withgoogle.com/en-us/national-parks-service/parks>. Try to find at least 10 things in nature you think are awesome!

## **Step 2: Rub or press something in nature**

*What I'll do:* Make a leaf rubbing

*What I'll need:*

- Crayons or chalk
- Paper
- Leaves

*How I'll do it:*

- Go outside and pick out some leaves
- Place the leaves under a piece of paper in whatever design you like
- Rub the paper with the side of a crayon or piece of chalk
- You can even make a leaf rubbing greeting card to send to someone!



### Step 3: Dance or make music outdoors

*What I'll do:* Make a wind chime

*What I'll need:*

- Sticks
- Yarn or string
- Tin cans, bottle caps, other small metal objects
- Decorative items of your choosing- stickers, paint, colorful duct tape, glitter, etc.
- Paper and pencil for designing

*How I'll do it:*

- Gather the materials you would like to work with
- Design your wind chime on a piece of paper based on the materials you have
- Build your wind chime
- Decorate your wind chime
- Pick a spot to hang it outdoors!



### Step 4: Be a Nature Photographer

*What I'll do:* Take pictures from a miniature world.

*What I'll need:*

- Camera/phone
- An outdoor space

*How I'll do it:*

- Pick something tiny in nature—it could be an ant in a garden or a butterfly in your backyard.
- Pretend to shrink yourself and take pictures with a camera or smartphone as if you were the ant or butterfly. Zero in on a blade of grass or take a picture looking down at a flower to show what a butterfly sees.
- Share your pictures with a friend or family member.
- Make up a story using the pictures from your miniature world!
  
- Can't get outside or no camera? Take a look at these nature photographs and be inspired! <https://www.naturescapes.net/galleries/>.

### **Step 5: Design with Nature**

*What I'll do:* 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?

*What I'll need:*

- Outdoor items for building materials- mud, rocks, twigs, shells, dry grass, pinecones, etc.

*How I'll do it:*

- Look for a place to build in your backyard or in the woods
- Use mud, rocks, leaves, twigs, feathers, dry grass, pinecones, shells, and anything else you find to shape into a Brownie Elf house.
- Make sure to only use items that have fallen, and be careful not to disturb living trees, plants, and flowers.

**Where I can purchase the badge:** <https://www.girlscoutshop.com/BROWNIE-OUTDOOR-ART-CREATOR-BADGE>.