

# Outdoor Art Maker Badge

**Purpose:** Know how to look at nature like an artist and make your own outdoor art.

## Step 1: See the colors of nature

Combine art and the outdoors by painting a colorful outdoor scene. Ask an adult to help you set up an art station with paper, an art brush for using watercolors, and crayons or markers. Create a painting of what you see: sky, flowers, trees, birds, or animals. If you used watercolors for your painting, drip little drops of lemon juice on it. When it has dried, notice the change in the shapes you have created. Show your painting to your family and describe your scene to them!

## Step 2: Hear the sounds of nature

Music and dance are also art. You can make a maraca, which is a musical instrument that makes sounds when you shake it. You will need an empty plastic water bottle with a cap. Start by decorating your water bottle. Remove the label, and either wrap masking tape around your bottle and draw on the tape or draw a picture and tape it to the bottle. Add stickers, too! Fill the bottle halfway with dried beans, rice, pasta, beads, or pebbles. Put the cap on the bottle and take your maraca outside to shake it. Try moving it fast and then slow and notice how the sound changes. Make up a fast dance and a slow dance to go with the sounds. Imitate any outdoor sounds that you hear with your maraca. Perform your dance for your family.

## Step 3: Share your outdoor art

Make a “Leave No Trace” picture. Leave No Trace means you’re helping to protect nature. Here are seven important ways Girl Scouts can help keep nature safe and leave no trace when outside. Draw or paint a picture of yourself doing one of these activities that shows how you can help take care of the outdoors, and share it with your family.

1. Know before you go.
2. Choose the right path.
3. Trash your trash.
4. Leave what you find.
5. Be careful with fire.
6. Respect wildlife.
7. Be kind to other visitors.

**Congratulations! You’ve earned the Outdoor Art Maker badge!**

Girl Scout Daisies

