

# Outdoor Art Master: Part 1

## Ambassador Badge





# What is the Outdoor Art Master Badge?

Girls bring art and the outdoors together and get inspired by the beauty in nature.

Step 1: Explore outdoor art

Step 2: Make something!

Step 3: Find music in nature

Step 4: Be a nature photographer

Step 5: Design with nature



# Steps 1 & 5: Explore Outdoor Art Design with Nature

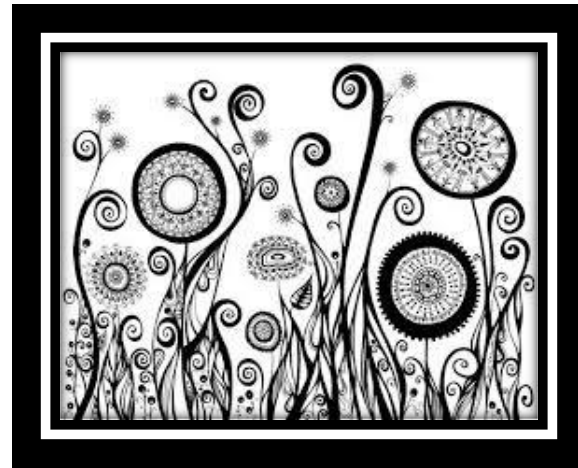
## Make Art Indoors and Outdoors

This choice is done in two parts, one at the start of the badge and one at the end. At the start of your badge work, create a black-and-white piece of art indoors. (It doesn't have to be a picture—it could be a photo collage, sculpture, movie, or any other type of visual art you can think of!) At the end of the badge, take your supplies outside and re-create the piece of art using the colors you see around you in nature.



# Black and White Art

Create a list or think of ideas for a piece of art in black and white.





# Get Creative

**Pick one of the ideas you came up with for black and white art. Let's get creative!**

Suggested Materials (use what you already have available at home!):

- Canvas, poster board or something similar
- Brushes & Paints, Charcoal, or Magazines (for photo collages)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pencils , Markers or Pens

As you are creating, think about what inspired you to make this, and what this piece of art says to you.



## Step 2: Make Something!

Whether you're a DIY queen or all thumbs with a glue gun, you can find craft-making inspiration outdoors. Make a project you can keep for yourself, or give as a gift. Don't worry about making it perfect—just have fun!

You'll find some ideas we've come up with on the following slides; feel free to use these as a jumping off point to develop your own ideas for amazing outdoor craft projects!



# Make Something: Ideas

## Nature Sun Catcher

Use what you have available. If you don't have something think of something you could use instead or can it be omitted.

Materials :

- Circular frames from cardstock (Optional: embroidery hoops)
- Clear contact paper, two pre-cut sheets
- Scissors
- Artificial leaves and/or flower petals
- Packet of seeds

Don't have contact paper? Use wax paper instead and glue the sheets together.





# Make Something: Ideas

## Nature Sun Catcher, continued

Girls create a design for a sun catcher using nature-inspired elements. The outdoors can provide the best inspiration to make something beautiful. You will make a sun catcher to showcase the beauty of nature on your window.

1. Start with a cardstock circle (or hoop), and place a square of contact paper over it. This will provide your sticky surface to create your design. Or use wax paper.
2. Experiment with color, shape, and design by using flower petals, leaves, and seeds. Play with symmetry and patterns until you are happy with the design. If using wax paper, use glue that dries clear to adhere to the wax paper.
3. Once it is ready, add another square of contact paper over your frame and then trim the edges so it is a circle. If using wax paper use glue that dries clear to stick the wax paper together.





# Make Something: Ideas

## Lashing Art

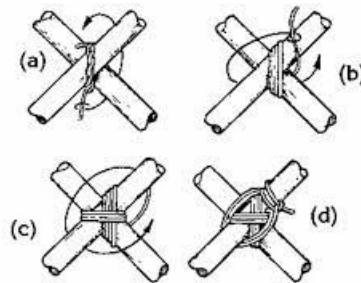
Lashings are a practical way to join two objects together, especially when you're on a campout, but you can get creative with them, too! Be sure to use the principles of Leave No Trace Behind when gathering your wood.

Materials:

- Fallen wood and sticks collected outdoors or wood or sticks from a craft or home repair store
- Clay (optional)
- Nylon cord or similar

**Learn to Lash and tie knots**

<https://youtu.be/VsklQIEPlsQ>





# Make Something: Ideas

## Lashing Art, continued

Build an outdoor art piece by lashing sticks or small branches together. Think about lashing together a frame. Or creating a mini sculpture, like a mini boat or chair. Or just making an art piece using the objects. Pair up to collect your wood and start working on your pieces. Use the clay if you need to create spaces between the wood pieces.





# Let's go on a Tour!

## Gallery Tour

Materials :

- Recording device or smartphone with a microphone
  - Index cards
  - Paper & Pens
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- First set up the art pieces you've created today so all your art is displayed as though in an art gallery. Look at the art pieces you created today and think about how would you describe them to someone seeing them for the first time.
  - Questions to think about:
    - What made you decide to create this?
    - How did you do it?
    - What was your creative process?
    - What do you hope others get from it?





# Lights, Camera, Action!

## Gallery Tour

- What does each piece mean to you?
- Write down a description of the art, your name, and the date on each index card.
- Now create the narration for an audio tour.  
(remember the questions from previous slide)
- Make an audio recording or video of what you want others to know or see when they look at your outdoor art.





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