



“In spring, **Yellow**  
and **Purple** hold  
hands.”

—Joyce Sidman



# Outdoor Art Maker

**F**rom a blue sky to a bird's song, nature can give you lots of ideas for art! Get ready to explore the outdoors and use what you see and hear to make different kinds of art projects.

## Steps

1. See the colors of nature
2. Hear the sounds of nature
3. Share your outdoor art

## Purpose

When I've earned this badge, I'll know how to look at nature like an artist and make my own outdoor art.



Every step has two choices.  
Do ONE choice to complete  
each step. Inspired?  
Do more!

## STEP

# 1 See the colors of nature

You probably notice colors outside when they're very bright, like when you see pink flowers or a red bird. If you look a little closer, though, you can see lots of different colors in nature!

### CHOICES—DO ONE:

- ☐ **Make a colorful painting outdoors.** On a sunny day, get together with your Girl Scout friends and go outside to a place where you can see lots of colors—maybe a park with flowers or a field with pretty trees and leaves. Have an adult help you set up a place to make a watercolor painting of what you see. It doesn't have to look exactly like it: you can be as creative as you want to be! When you're finished painting, drip little drops of lemon juice on your painting. When it dries, talk about how the lemon juice changed how your painting looked.

### OR

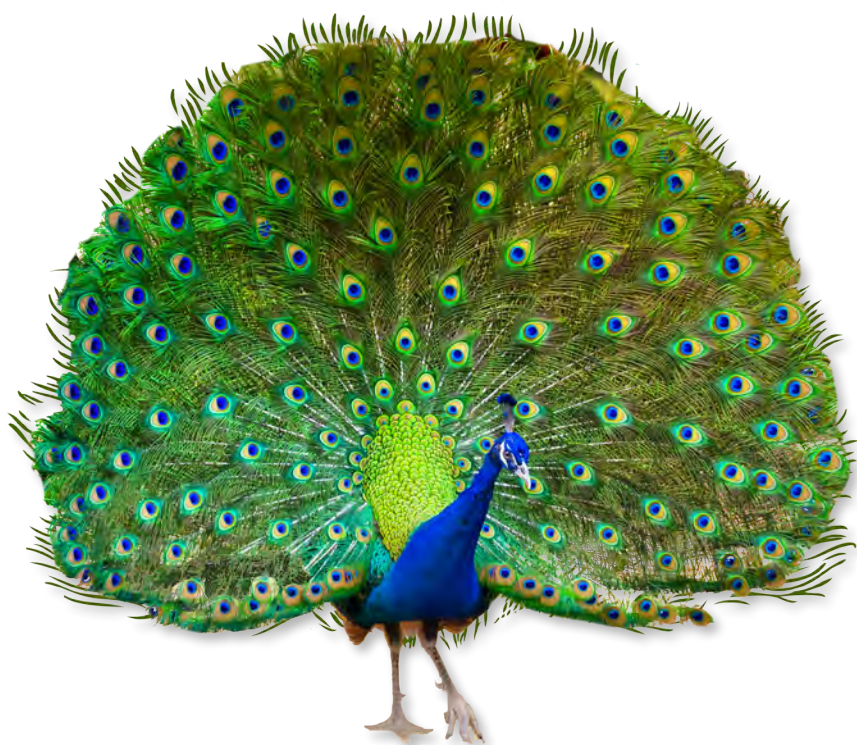
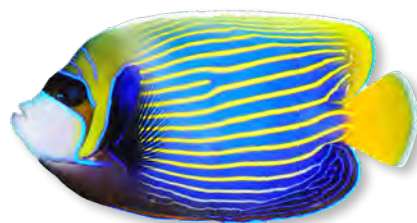
- ☐ **Have a color race.** Get dressed in some of your most colorful clothes. They don't have to match—that's part of the fun! Then buddy up in teams of two and find as many things as you can outdoors that match the colors you're wearing. Have an adult help you set a timer for 10 minutes before you start. If your teammate is wearing yellow socks and you see a yellow flower, that's one!





## Colorful Creatures

Some living things are so colorful, they look like works of art. Do you see your favorite color in any of these pictures?



## Make a Maraca

Follow these steps to make a maraca!

You will need:

- ▶ Empty plastic water bottle with cap
- ▶ Masking tape
- ▶ Dried beans or lentils
- ▶ Markers, stickers, or anything else you'd like to use for decorating your maraca

1 Wrap masking tape around your water bottle or draw a picture and tape your picture to the bottle. If the bottle has a paper label on it, peel it off first.

2 If you wrapped your bottle with tape, decorate it by coloring the tape, adding stickers, or anything you'd like.

3 Pour dried beans or lentils into your bottle, leaving enough room for them to move around and make sounds when you shake it.

4 Put the cap on the bottle. You're ready to make music!

### STEP

## 2 Hear the sounds of nature

When you hear the word “art,” what do you think? You might imagine a pretty picture on the wall or a painting in a museum. But did you know that music and dance are art, too?

### CHOICES—DO ONE:

- ☐ **Make a maraca—and dance!** A maraca is a musical instrument that makes sounds when you shake it. You can make one by following the directions in the box on this page. When your maraca is finished, take it outside. Shake your maraca and make up a dance to go with the music! Do the sounds of the maraca remind you of any other outdoor sounds?

**OR**

- ☐ **Search for sounds in nature.** Buddy up and go on an outdoor hunt to find as many sounds as you can from the list on the next page. Listen carefully and circle the ones you hear.

When you're done with your hunt, make up a silly song, poem, or dance about one of the sounds you heard.



# Sound Search

Circle all of the sounds you hear. If you hear a sound that's not on the page, write it down or draw a picture!



**Insect buzzing or humming**



**Car horn honking**



**Bird chirping**



**Dog barking**



**Frog croaking**



**Leaves rustling**



**Squirrel or chipmunk chattering**

Do you hear any other sounds?

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An illustration of a deer standing in a grassy field with trees in the background. A white signpost with an arrow pointing right is visible. In the foreground, there is a large purple flower and a trash can with a 'TRASH' sign.

## STEP 3 Share your outdoor art

Art can be pretty, but it can tell a story, too. Make art that shows how you can help take care of the outdoors, and share it with your family or friends.

### CHOICES—DO ONE:

- ☐ **Make a “Leave No Trace” picture.** Leave No Trace means that you are helping to protect nature. On the next page, you can see the different ways to Leave No Trace outside. Draw or paint a picture of yourself helping the environment by doing one of these things. Share your picture with your family and tell them why you think it’s important.

**OR**

- ☐ **Perform a play outdoors.** Get together with your Girl Scout friends and put on a play about taking care of nature. You could act out a story you make up yourselves, tell a story you’ve heard before, or pretend you’re the Flower Friends telling people how to “Leave No Trace” outside. Come up with costumes to wear when you perform, or make puppets and put on a puppet show.

**For More FUN:** Invite your families to watch your play.





## Protect Nature

A Girl Scout always leaves an area better than she finds it! Here are seven important ways to keep nature safe when you're outside and leave no trace that you were there.

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





## Going on a Journey? Do some badge work along the way.

Daisies on the *5 Flowers, 4 Stories, 3 Cheers for Animals!* Journey listen to music and “fly” like birds to the beat. If you made a maraca in Step 2, take turns having some girls play along with the music while the others spread their wings.

Now that I’ve earned this badge,  
I can give service by:

Making a colorful watercolor painting for a family member who is sick or needs cheering up.



I’m inspired to:

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