



# OUTDOOR ART EXPLORER

<b>INTRODUCTION</b>	Let nature be your inspiration as you explore, create, and design different kinds of art. When you've earned this badge, you will know how to find the art in nature and create your own outdoor artwork.
<b>ACTIVITY 1: Find inspiration in nature (45 minutes)</b>	<p>To start make a sketch book. Take several pieces of paper (they can be colored or white), fold them in half and secure the binding with a staple or some yarn. Take about 10 minutes to decorate the cover.</p> <p>When you are ready, head outside to find some inspiration. Look for natural items that are different colors, textures, sizes, etc. and sketch them in your book.</p> <p>Once you have finished your sketches, go back to each site you visited and take some CLOSE UP photos of the things you've sketched. Share your sketches and photos with your friends and family to see if they can match your sketch with its photo.</p> <p>Check out these awesome close up nature photos! <a href="https://www.pinterest.com/DiegoRaimonda/nature-close-up/">https://www.pinterest.com/DiegoRaimonda/nature-close-up/</a></p>
<b>ACTIVITY 2: Make music (30 minutes)</b>	<p>Once you are done observing nature, take some time to write a song or poem about the things you observed.</p> <p>If you are feeling comfortable, record yourself performing your song or reading your poem and share with your family and friends. You can also share with your fellow troop mates in a virtual chat on ZOOM or MS Teams!</p> <p>If you want to add another element to your performance, find items from nature to make some musical instruments.</p> <p>Visit this site for some musical/lyrical inspiration! <a href="https://www.songsforteaching.com/sciencesongslife.htm">https://www.songsforteaching.com/sciencesongslife.htm</a></p>
<b>SNACK (10 minutes)</b>	
<b>ACTIVITY 3: Design with nature (45 minutes)</b>	<p>It's spring and the birds are starting to arrive and they are looking for a home.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Spend about 10 minutes researching what kind of birds live in your area and what a bird looks for when looking for a home.</li><li>2. Take another 10 minutes to sketch out your birdhouse design.</li></ol>

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|  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Using recycled materials, build your birdhouse. Make sure to decorate it with natural elements like sticks, moss, rocks, etc. to make it more appealing to the birds.</li><li>4. Find a safe spot to hang your birdhouse.</li><li>5. Make sure to check your house periodically to see if a bird has moved in!</li></ol> |
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**NOTES:** Send some of your pictures or your song or poem to [caudette@gssne.org](mailto:caudette@gssne.org) so we can share your creations with your fellow Girl Scouts!