



# OUTDOOR ART TRAILBLAZER

<b>INTRODUCTION</b>	Find out how to observe and collect things outdoors that will drive your art and creativity. When you've earned this badge, you'll have been inspired outdoors and created nature-themed art.
<b>ACTIVITY 1: Women in Art (30 minutes)</b>	<p>Many women throughout history have found inspiration for their art from nature. Take some time to learn about some famous female nature artists.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What was their inspiration?</li><li>• What medium did they use?</li><li>• How did they become interested in nature art?</li><li>• Where (geographically) did they find inspiration for their art?</li><li>• Does their art include anything other than nature?</li><li>• What are some interesting facts about your artist?</li></ul> <p>Here are some female nature artists that may interest you. How does their art differ from one another?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nancy Holt</li><li>• Alice Aycock</li><li>• Johanna Helena Herolt</li><li>• Mary Miss</li><li>• Georgia O'Keeffe</li><li>• Maria Sibylla Merian</li><li>• Rachel Carson</li><li>• Lady Anna Brassey nee Allnutt</li><li>• Frida Kahlo</li><li>• Emily Carr</li><li>• Jennifer Adler</li><li>• Sophie Darlington</li></ul>
<b>ACTIVITY 2: Find inspiration from 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>

<p><b>SNACK</b> <b>(10 minutes)</b></p>	
<p><b>ACTIVITY 3: Explore the sounds of nature</b> <b>(30 minutes)</b></p>	<p>How could you incorporate nature into a song or poem? Once you are done observing nature and learning about female nature artists, take some time to write a song or poem about the things you observed.</p> <p>Start by making an outline of ideas that could make a fun song or poem about nature. Once you have some ideas, start constructing your own poem or song. You can set it to a well-known tune, or make up your own--get creative!</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>
<p><b>ACTIVITY 4: Design a square foot garden</b> <b>(30 minutes)</b></p>	<p>In this activity, you are going to design your own garden.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Research square-foot gardening in advance</li> <li>2. Each plant needs enough space to grow, so you'll want to first map out how much space you have in our planter box--using the string, make a grid to find equal space for your plants.</li> <li>3. Once you have mapped out your grid, work on designing what will be in your garden. Pick your favorite herbs or vegetables, or even give your garden a theme, such as a salsa garden or spaghetti garden.</li> <li>4. Once your design is complete and you know what you want to plant, get started!</li> <li>5. Plant the seeds in your design. You can add finishing touches like plant markers or signs, decorate your planter box, or do whatever you want to make this garden your own.</li> </ol>