

Outdoor Art Apprenticeship

Complete the five steps to earn your Outdoor Art Apprenticeship Badge.

- 1. Explore Outdoor Art:** Learn about famous female artist Georgia O'Keefe by watching this [video](#). Be sure to note how she has been influenced by the world around her and what types of art she is known for. Then try painting or drawing something in a similar way.
- 2. Make something:** Think of your favorite animal or flower. Think about how you would make a flat sculpture of it. It could be the profile of an animal or carve into the dough to make your own flower. Using homemade salt dough, with the recipe below, use the dough as clay and make your sculpture.
 - Salt Dough – please note this recipe is for a large amount of dough, feel free to cut the measurements in half, or more to conserve your resources.
 - Materials
 - 3 cups of flour
 - 1 cup of salt
 - 1 cup of water (plus up to ½ cup extra water, if needed)
 - Food coloring (optional)
 - Mixer
 - Parchment or aluminum foil
 - Mix the flour and salt together in a bowl
 - Add 1 cup of water to the flour mixture. To make colored dough add 15 drops of food coloring to the water before mixing into the dough.
 - Use the mixer to mix the dough on medium speed until a ball forms. If the dough is dry slowly add more water.
 - Remove the dough; knead it until smooth.
 - Form the dough into disks or other flat shapes and make your impression. If you want to hand your creation after poke a hole in the top of the disk do you can add string.
 - Preheat the oven to 275 degrees.
 - Bake dough pieces on a foil or parchment paper lined cookie sheet for 2 hours. Cool completely before handling.

3. **Create a nature playlist:** Think about what your favorite things to do outside are; it could be running, playing soccer, hiking or even laying out at the beach. Create a playlist of at least five songs that would go along with your favorite activity. Maybe something upbeat for running or quiet music for laying out. Then draw or color the cover art for your playlist.
4. **Be a Nature Photographer:** Using the video for tips and tricks, make your own outdoor photo journal.
5. **Design with Nature:** Take a look at your yard, neighborhood, or local park. Imagine you have been tasked to design something for that space. It can be anything, a sculpture for the park, a maze for kids to explore, a garden, a shelter to keep you safe from the elements, or even a new patio with outdoor furniture. Sketch out your ideas or make a landscape plan for your design.