

# Outdoor Art Explorer

Complete the five steps to earn your Outdoor Art Explorer 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 is she known for. Then try painting or drawing something in a similar way.
- 2. Make something:** Find something that you think would make cool imprint. Make salt dough, with the recipe below and use the dough as clay and make an imprint.
  - 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. Find music in nature:** Follow the video to learn how to make a rain stick.

4. **Be a Nature Photographer:** Find an outdoor space or an object outdoors that you love and photograph it at least three different times a day. See how the light and shadow changes throughout the day. What time of day shows off that space or object the best?
  
5. **Design outdoor art:** Do a quick google images search for Andy Goldsworthy. He is an artist who makes sculptures and art out of natural materials. Then go outside and make your own sculpture or design out of the natural materials in your yard or neighborhood.