

Outdoor Art Expert

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

1. **Explore Outdoor Art:** Explore, [virtually](#), one of the most magnificent works of landscape architecture at the Palace of Versailles. What is your favorite part of the tour, is there one space that you think is very innovative or works well with the landscape.
2. **Make something:** Using homemade salt dough, with the recipe below, use the dough as a stamp or print and make your own artwork. Make the dough and carve various natural images, like trees or leaves into it. Once it is cooked and cool use ink or paint to cover the clay and then press it like a stamp onto the paper. You can make multiple stamps or see if you can create your own scene on one stamp.
 - 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:** Record natural sounds and human made ones. Combine the sounds together, or even record them together. Then try to have your family pick out the natural sounds and manmade sounds.
4. **Be a Nature Photographer:** Using the video for tips and tricks, make your own outdoor music video.
5. **Design with Nature:** Take a look at your yard, neighborhood, or local park. Imagine you have been tasked to design a maze for that area. Sketch out your own maze, include in your design what you would use to make the maze, would you use tall shrubs or even corn stalks.