

Art Merit Badge Requirements
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This program is three to four hours long, so be sure to pack a snack and water for your scout. Because scouts work at an individual pace I cannot be sure when the program will end. I am available for the whole 4 hour timeslot, though some scouts may finish in 3 hours or less. Make sure you have a plan if your scout should finish early.

Bring to class:

1. Pre-work #7 notes to be shared with your counselor
2. Snack/drink
3. Blue card
4. Favorite brush or pen (optional) for #4

Merit Badges in general are not designed to be completed in an afternoon; there is some work the scouts need to do outside of the workshop to complete the badge. We call this prework. We suggest completing prework prior to the badge program date, but realize this is not always practical or possible. In these cases we will, if requested, sign partial cards and accept the assignments after the program. We ask that you bring/send back all the work and the card together in order to sign off on the blue card all at once.

DURING CLASS WE WILL FULFILL THESE REQUIREMENTS

1. Discuss the following with your counselor:
 - a. What art is and what some of the different forms of art are
 - b. The importance of art to humankind
 - c. What art means to you and how art can make you feel
2. Discuss with your counselor the following terms and elements of art: line, value, shape, form, space, color, and texture. Show examples of each element.
3. Discuss with your counselor the six principles of design: rhythm, balance, proportion, variety, emphasis, and unity.
4. Render a subject of your choice in FOUR of these ways:
 - a. Pen and ink,
 - b. Watercolors,
 - c. Pencil,
 - d. Pastels,
 - e. Tempera,
 - f. Charcoal

Supplies are covered in your class fee and will be provided. Scouts are welcome to bring their own brushes or pens to work with, if preferred.

5. Do ONE of the following:
 - a. Design something useful. Make a sketch or model of your design. With your counselor's approval, create a promotional piece for the item using a picture or pictures.
 - b. Tell a story with a picture or pictures or using a 3-D rendering.
 - c. Design a logo. Share your design with your counselor and explain the significance of your logo. Then, with your parent's permission and your

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counselor's approval, put your logo on Scout equipment, furniture, ceramics, or fabric.

6. With your parent's permission and your counselor's approval, visit a museum, art exhibit, art gallery, artists' co-op, or artist's workshop. Find out about the art displayed or created there. Discuss what you learn with your counselor.
7. ***PRE-WORK* Find out about three career opportunities in art. Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession (please do this beforehand).** Discuss this with your counselor and explain why this profession might interest you.

Parents

Merit badges are supposed to be done with the buddy system. ***We highly recommend that you attend the program with your scouts especially if they do not have a buddy;*** the chances of your scout completing all the work for the badge during the allotted time increases dramatically when properly motivated. There is never a fee for adults and you are sure to learn something. Also our policy is that the program will not proceed if there are not 2 or more adults present for the program especially those containing hikes. We will attempt to enlist adult volunteers from our center but this is not always possible so ***prepare for the possibility that you may have to stay for the program and not just drop off your scout.*** This will allow the instructor to concentrate more fully on the difficult task of imparting all the required information and assisting the scouts individually if necessary, while other adults keep the atmosphere calm and productive.

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