MERIT BADGE SERIES

ART

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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. Oil paints
   f. Tempera
   g. Acrylics
   h. Charcoal
   i. Computer drawing or painting
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 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. Find out about three career opportunities in art. Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this with your counselor, and explain why this profession might interest you.

Scouts learn the finer points of painting from the Boy Scouts of America’s official artist, Joseph Csatari.
Art Resources

Scouting Literature
Digital Photo Magic; Architecture, Basketry, Communication, Drafting, Graphic Arts, Leatherwork, Model Design and Building, Photography, Pottery, Sculpture, Theater, and Wood Carving merit badge pamphlets

Visit the Boy Scouts of America’s official retail website at http://www.scoutstuff.org for a complete listing of all merit badge pamphlets and other helpful Scouting materials and supplies.

Art History

Traditional Media
Thomas, Gregory, and Earl A. Powell. How to Design Logos, Symbols, and Icons: 24 Internationally Renowned Studios Reveal How They Develop...

Computer Graphics


Organizations and Websites
Website: http://www.bls.gov/ooh/

National Association of Schools of Art and Design
11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21
Reston, VA 20190-5248
Telephone: 703-437-0700
Website: http://nasad.arts-accredit.org/

National Portfolio Day Association
Website: http://www.portfolioday.net

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