

Art

Merit Badge Workbook

Merit badges are earned by doing: reading the pamphlet, practicing the skills, and showing your counselor what you have learned.
This workbook gives you a place to organize your notes and track your progress along the way.
Merit badge counselors may not require the use of this or any similar workbook.
You still must satisfy your counselor that you can demonstrate each skill and have learned the information.
Use the space under each requirement to note what you have done and what you want to talk about, not to write out full answers.
When a requirement says discuss, show, tell, explain, or demonstrate, that is what you must do.
No one may add to or subtract from the official requirements found on scouting.org (Guide to Advancement 7.0.4.8).
Scouting America last updated this badge's requirements page on September 19, 2025.
Requirements change from time to time. Double-check scouting.org before you start.

Scout's name: _____ Unit: _____ Date started: _____

Counselor's name: _____ Phone no.: _____ Email: _____

Links marked "Scouting America resources" are the ones Scouting America shares on its official badge page.
Links marked "ScoutSmarts" open the matching part of Cole's guide. This workbook is unofficial and not endorsed by Scouting America.

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1. Discuss the following with your counselor:

Scouting America resources: What Is Art (video)

(a) What art is and what some of the different forms of art are

What art is, and some different forms of art

(b) The importance of art to humankind

ScoutSmarts: Requirement 1b explained

Why art matters to people

(c) What art means to you and how art can make you feel

ScoutSmarts: Requirement 1c explained

What art means to me, and how it can make me feel

Requirement 1 completed on _____ counselor initials _____

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.

Scouting America resources: Beginner's Guide to the 7 Elements of Art (video) · **ScoutSmarts:** Requirement 2 explained

Elements of art

Element	What it means	My example
line		
value		
shape		
form		
space		
color		
texture		

Requirement 2 completed on _____ counselor initials _____

3. Discuss with your counselor the six principles of design: rhythm, balance, proportion, variety, emphasis, and unity.

Scouting America resources: What Makes a Great Design? The 7 Principles You Need to Know (video) · **ScoutSmarts:** Requirement 3 explained

Principles of design

Principle	What it means
rhythm	
balance	
proportion	
variety	
emphasis	
unity	

Requirement 3 completed on _____ counselor initials _____

4. Render a subject of your choice in FOUR of these ways:

Scouting America resources: What Are the Different Mediums Used in Art? (video) · **ScoutSmarts:** Requirement 4 explained

My subject _____

☐ **(a)** Pen and ink

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- ☐ **(b)** Watercolors
- ☐ **(c)** Pencil
- ☐ **(d)** Pastels
- ☐ **(e)** Oil paints
- ☐ **(f)** Tempera
- ☐ **(g)** Acrylics
- ☐ **(h)** Charcoal
- ☐ **(i)** Computer drawing or painting

Requirement 4 completed on _____ counselor initials _____

5. Do ONE of the following:

Scouting America resources: Design Useful Things website (website) · Create With Canva (website) Model and Animate Your Character (video) · **ScoutSmarts:** Requirement 5 explained

☐ **(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.

What I designed _____ What it is for _____

Sketch of my design (draw here or attach)

- ☐ Sketch or model made
- ☐ Counselor's approval to make a promotional piece
- ☐ Promotional piece made

☐ **(b)** Tell a story with a picture or pictures or using a 3-D rendering.

What my story is about _____

- ☐ Picture or pictures
- ☐ 3-D rendering

Plan for my picture or pictures (sketch here or attach)

☐ **(c)** Design a logo. Share your design with your counselor and explain the significance of your logo. Then, with your parent or guardian's permission and your counselor's approval, put your logo on Scout equipment, furniture, ceramics, or fabric.

My logo (draw here or attach)

What my logo means

☐ Shared my design with my counselor
☐ Parent or guardian's permission
☐ Counselor's approval

I put my logo on _____ Date _____

Requirement 5 completed on _____ counselor initials _____

6. With your parent or guardian'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 learned with your counselor.

Scouting America resources: Art Museums in the US (website) · Oahu's Art Scene: Museums, Murals, Makers and More (website)
ScoutSmarts: Requirement 6 explained

Place I visited _____ Date _____ With whom _____

What I learned about the art displayed or created there

Requirement 6 completed on _____ counselor initials _____

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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.

Scouting America resources: Careers in Art. The Amazing Jobs an Art Education Can Lead to! (video) · **ScoutSmarts:** Requirement 7 explained

Three careers in art

Career	What the work involves

The one I picked

What this profession requires

Topic	What I found
Education	
Training	
Experience	

Why this profession might interest me

Requirement 7 completed on counselor initials

Counselor sign-off

Your counselor signs your blue card or approves the badge in Scoutbook, and your unit records it. This line is for your own records.

Counselor's signature Date completed

Official Scouting America resources

Scouting America resources: Art merit badge page (requirements and resources) · Art merit badge pamphlet (free PDF) · All merit badges
ScoutSmarts: Art Merit Badge Guide

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