

Sculpture

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 December 31, 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: _____

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1. Explain to your counselor the precautions that must be followed for the safe use and operation of a sculptor's tools, equipment, and other materials.

Scouting America resources: Working Safely With Clay & DIY Modeling Tools (video)
The Essential Rules of Clay Safety: What You Need to Know (website)

Safety precautions for a sculptor's tools and materials

Tool, equipment, or material	Precautions I must follow

Requirement 1 completed on _____ counselor initials _____

2. Do TWO of the following:

☐ **(a)** Model in clay a life-size human head. Then sculpt in modeling clay, carve in wood or plaster, or use 3D modeling software to make a small-scale model of an animal or person. Explain to your counselor the method and tools you used to sculpt the figure.

Scouting America resources: Sculpting a Head in Clay (video) · Portrait Sculpting in Clay (video) · Clay Sculpting Tools (video)

Life-size head finished on _____ Small-scale model finished on _____

Small-scale model of _____ Made with (clay, wood, plaster, or 3D software) _____

The method and tools I used to sculpt the figure

☐ **(b)** Make a plaster mold of a fruit or vegetable. In this mold, make a copy of the fruit or vegetable. Explain to your counselor the method and tools you used to make the copy.

Scouting America resources: Fruit and Vegetable Art - Silicone Moulds and Plaster Casts (website) · Plaster Fruit Cast (video)

Fruit or vegetable _____ Date finished _____

The method and tools I used to make the mold and the copy

☐ **(c)** 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 studio. After your visit, share with your counselor what you have learned. Discuss the importance of visual arts and how it strengthens social tolerance and helps stimulate cultural, intellectual, and personal development.

Scouting America resources: How to Visit an Art Museum (video)

☐ Parent or guardian's permission

☐ Counselor's approval

Place I visited _____ Date _____ With whom _____

What I learned on my visit

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Why visual arts matter for social tolerance and for cultural, intellectual, and personal development

Requirement 2 completed on _____ counselor initials _____

3. Do ONE of the following:

☐ **(a)** Explore careers related to this merit badge. Research one career to learn about the training and education needed, costs, job prospects, salary, job duties, and career advancement. Your research methods may include—with your parent or guardian's permission—an internet or library search, an interview with a professional in the field, or a visit to a location where people in this career work. Discuss with your counselor both your findings and what about this profession might make it an interesting career.

Scouting America resources: 12 Careers for Sculptors (website) · How To Become an Artist/Sculptor (video) Craft Artist Careers (video)

Career I researched _____

What I found out

Topic	My findings
Training and education	
Costs	
Job prospects	
Salary	
Job duties	
Career advancement	

How I researched it, and what might make it an interesting career

☐ **(b)** Explore how you could use knowledge and skills from this merit badge to pursue a hobby. Research any training needed, expenses, and organizations that promote or support it. Discuss with your counselor what short-term and long-term goals you might have if you pursued this.

Scouting America resources: Exploring the Benefits of Sculpting as a Hobby (website)

Hobby

What I found out

Topic	My findings
Training needed	
Expenses	
Organizations that promote or support it	

My goals if I pursued this hobby

Kind of goal	My goals
Short-term	
Long-term	

Requirement 3 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: Sculpture merit badge page (requirements and resources) · Sculpture merit badge pamphlet (free PDF)
All merit badges

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