



## Green<sup>2</sup> Plan – Junior Outdoor Art Explorer Badge

**Purpose:** Explore the beauty of nature through art while keeping your creativity eco-friendly and waste - free.

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### Overall Green<sup>2</sup> Strategies

- Materials: Use natural items found on-site (leaves, sticks, stones) and reuse troop art supplies.
- Paper: Use scrap paper, cardboard, or digital drawing tools.
- Colors: Create natural dyes or paints from fruits, vegetables, and spices.
- Leave No Trace: Collect only fallen or safe-to-take items, and return them after use if possible.

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### Step 1 – Explore Outdoor Art

**Goal:** See how nature inspires artists.

- Take a virtual tour of nature-inspired art galleries.
- Visit a local park or garden and take photos of shapes, patterns, and colors in nature.
- Keep notes and sketches in a reusable notebook.

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### Step 2 – Get to Know Wild Places

**Goal:** Understand how art can capture the spirit of a natural space.

- Choose a natural spot and do a “sit and sketch” session using reusable pencils or digital tablets.
- Use rubbings from tree bark or leaves with pencils or crayons you already own.
- Avoid removing plants or rocks—work in place whenever possible.

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### Step 3 – Make Your Own Outdoor Art

**Goal:** Create a piece of art inspired by the outdoors.

- Make land art (arranging rocks, sticks, leaves) that stays in nature.
- Paint on flat stones or wood slices from fallen branches.
- Use leftover craft paint or make natural pigments from berries, beets, or turmeric.

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### Step 4 – Find Out How Artists Help the Environment

**Goal:** Learn how art can be a tool for conservation.

- Research eco-artists online and share findings digitally with the troop.
  - Create a digital slideshow of your outdoor art with captions about protecting nature.
  - Invite a local artist who uses recycled or natural materials to speak (in-person or virtually).
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## **Step 5 – Share Your Outdoor Art**

**Goal: Let others experience your art while keeping it eco-friendly.**

- Host a walking art tour where people see pieces in their natural setting.
  - Share photos of the art online instead of printing.
  - Collaborate with another troop to create a joint outdoor art day.
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### **At-Home & Family Connection**

- Take your family on a nature walk and make a temporary land art piece together.
  - Teach them how to make natural paint or dye from kitchen scraps.
  - Share your art online with a message about protecting outdoor spaces.
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### **Waste-Free Wrap-Up**

- Reflect as a troop: How did nature inspire your art?
- Compile everyone's work into a digital troop gallery.
- Leave your art in nature for others to enjoy, or repurpose the materials for future projects.