



# Art



## Merit Badge Workbook

This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet.  
This Workbook can help you organize your thoughts as you prepare to meet with your merit badge counselor

**Merit Badge Counselors may not require the use of this or any similar workbooks.**

You still must satisfy your counselor that you can demonstrate each skill and have learned the information. You should use the work space provided for each requirement to keep track of which requirements have been completed, and to make notes for discussing the item with your counselor, not for providing full and complete answers.

If a requirement says that you must take an action using words such as "discuss", "show", "tell", "explain", "demonstrate", "identify", etc, that is what you must do.

No one may add or subtract from the official requirements found on Scouting.org.

The requirements were last issued or revised in 2023 • This workbook was updated in November 2023.

Scout's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Date Started \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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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


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

Rhythm


Balance


Proportion


Variety


Emphasis


Unity


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

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> a. Pen and ink, | <input type="checkbox"/> d. Pastels,    | <input type="checkbox"/> g. Acrylics,                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. Watercolors, | <input type="checkbox"/> e. Oil paints, | <input type="checkbox"/> h. Charcoal                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c. Pencil,      | <input type="checkbox"/> f. Tempera,    | <input type="checkbox"/> i. Computer drawing or painting |



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

- 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 learn with your counselor.


7. Find out about three career opportunities in art.

1.	
2.	
3.	

Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession.

Career	
Education	
Training	
Experience	

Discuss this with your counselor, and explain why this profession might interest you.


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