

Girlguiding Scotland
Out and About 2022

Get Creative

Welcome

to our 2022 Out and About Challenge!

This year we are challenging you to get out and about with your unit to create some environmental art.

Environmental art can be many different things but, for this challenge, we are looking at temporary outdoor sculptures or images created by rearranging natural materials found on site, such as leaves, stones and twigs, which will have no long-term harmful effect on the environment.

Get thinking

Your creation can be two-dimensional (flat) or three-dimensional (something built up or down) but should be built using only natural materials.

Your masterpiece can tell a story. It could be a local legend, a story about a local female hero or a story about a local landmark. It could tell your favourite story or it could give a message about caring for the environment.

It can be a stationary piece of art (still) or it can be dynamic (moving).

It could be something that will move in the wind or something that you can move like a machine or a puppet.

Your creation doesn't need to last but be sure to take a photo of it and share it with us!



Get started

Think about where you are going to create your art and what natural materials are available - sticks, stones, leaves, grasses, feathers, sand?

Think about water as a natural material. Snow is water and you can paint with water, freeze water, or make mud and mould it.

You could also use the sun to shine through your creation or to create shadows, or the wind to cause your creation to make a noise.

Agree on your story and plan a design. If you need to create more than one piece of art to tell your story, it would be helpful to plan a storyboard.

Does your art need a frame?

Get creative

Can you show any skills in your work of art? Weaving, braiding, whittling, knotting?

If you need to use string, make sure that it is natural (cotton or jute) or make your own natural cordage.

If your creation needs to show people, can you draw them? Or make them out of sticks, grass or pine cones? Maybe they could be made by a shadow?



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Record your creation

Take a photo or video and share it with the rest of your unit, telling them about the story behind it. You might want to plan your photo before you make your creation so that it is easier to photograph. Think about the angle of your photo and whether you take it from above or from down low.

You can share your photos with us (if you are old enough) on Instagram or Twitter @GirlguidingScot. Always make sure you have photo permission for anyone in your pictures or videos.

Safety and Environmental Notes

If you want to go out as a six or a patrol, make sure you have planned this with your leader. Dress for the weather and remember a jacket and warm hat in case the weather changes.

When looking for materials for your creation, make sure you are not harming or disturbing any plants, insects or wildlife, or damaging their homes. Remember that some birds nest on the ground or in bushes and hedges as well as trees, so be careful when you are foraging for materials. If you do come across a nest, don't touch it (it is illegal to intentionally disturb a nest), back away from it immediately and make sure to stay well away from it so that you don't upset the birds using it, even if it looks disused.

Badge

To achieve the badge, please come up with a plan or storyboard for your creation, create it from natural materials and record it by taking a photo or video. You can buy your badge from the Girlguiding Scotland [online shop](#).