

## **Brownie- Outdoor Art Creator**

### **Step 1.**

Use your senses in nature. Go outside with a pen and paper, and write down words or draw pictures of what you see, feel, hear, and smell. Is it sunny or cool? Do you see pictures in the clouds? Shapes in flowers? Can you smell pine needles or rain? Do you hear the wind in the trees or the sound of the leaves crunching as you walk? Stick out your tongue—does the air have a taste? When you get back, describe five things from your hike to an adult or friend. Now make it into a story, poem, or picture book. Use your notes!

### **Step 2.**

Give a gift of nature. Look outside for ideas to make a gift for a friend or family member. Make a leaf fan: Draw and color leaves on a piece of paper, cut them out, and glue them to a craft stick. Or tie twigs together to make a picture frame. (Be sure to only pick up items you find on the ground to Leave No Trace!) You could also make a sachet that smells like a flower: Put drops of lavender oil on cotton balls and sew them between two small squares of fabric.

### **Step 3.**

Write an earth song. Go on an outdoor walk and make up a song. Use the sounds you hear—like the tweeting of a bird or water running in a stream—to help create your song. You can change words to a song you know or invent your own with rhyming words like this:

*My one dream is to climb*

*The biggest tree I find*

*So I can see the sky*

*And wave from up so high*

Then add your tune!

### **OR**

Make a wind chime. All you need is a stick, some yarn or string, and some objects to hang together that will create a sound when they move in the wind. For example, you can string up keys, tin cans, shells, stones, old flatware, or soda bottle tops.

### **Step 4.**

Make a video about something in nature. Use a video camera or a smartphone to take a video of something outside at different times of the day. This could be a bird feeder, flower, tree, or plant. Does a flower look different in the morning than at night? Does it change throughout the day? Create a story to go with your video and show it to a friend or family member.

### **Step 5.**



Build a Brownie Elf house outdoors. Pretend Brownie Elf and friends are 3 inches tall and need a place to live outdoors. What kind of home can you make for them? Look for a place to build in your backyard. Use mud, rocks, leaves, twigs, feathers, dry grass, and anything else you find to shape into a Brownie Elf house. Make sure to only use items that have fallen, and be careful not to disturb living trees, plants, and flowers.

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