

**Topic:** Artists

**Badge:** Painting

**Suggested Supplies:** Paint (washable is best when just starting out), different size brushes, thick paper or poster board, butcher paper, old shirt you can wear as a painting smock, cotton balls, drinking straw, potato or sponge that can be cut



**Helpful websites:**

**Kids Interview Artist**

<https://vimeo.com/277988420>

**Virtual Museum Tours**

Metropolitan Museum of Art

[https://artsandculture.google.com/streetview/metropolitan-museum-of-art/KAFHmsOTE-4Xyw?hl=en&sv\\_lng=-73.9624786&sv\\_lat=40.7803959&sv\\_h=342.9&sv\\_p=0&sv\\_pid=KeFx8oXHzeuY8L5rfepHaA&sv\\_z=1.0000000000000002](https://artsandculture.google.com/streetview/metropolitan-museum-of-art/KAFHmsOTE-4Xyw?hl=en&sv_lng=-73.9624786&sv_lat=40.7803959&sv_h=342.9&sv_p=0&sv_pid=KeFx8oXHzeuY8L5rfepHaA&sv_z=1.0000000000000002)

National Gallery of Art Washington D.C.

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/national-gallery-of-art-washington-dc?hl=en>

Art Institute of Chicago

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-art-institute-of-chicago?hl=en>

**Make Puffy Paint**

Supplies: Shaving cream, flour, Elmer's glue, food coloring

<https://artfulparent.com/diy-puffy-paint-for-kids/>

**Murals**

<http://plazawalls.org/>

[https://www.travelok.com/article\\_page/oklahomas-eye-catching-murals](https://www.travelok.com/article_page/oklahomas-eye-catching-murals)

Steps:

- **Step 1: Get inspired-** Learn more about the paintings you like and the artists who painted them. Choose one to do.
  - o Talk to a painter. Ask an art teacher or painter in your community where they get their inspiration. What do they like to paint? Why? Look at some of their paintings and explain what you like about them.
  - o Go to an art show or museum. Find 5 paintings that you love and decide why you think they're great. Who painted them? When? Look for what they have in common with each other.
  - o Team up with an adult to find images of five paintings that you love. Search in books at home, magazines, or online. Why do you like them? Who painted them, and when? Look for what they have in common with each other.
- **Step 2: Paint the real world-** Painting what's around you is the first step to becoming an artist. Pick one choice and try to paint something from the real world.
  - o Paint a portrait of a friend, family member, pet, or yourself. If you are painting someone else, have the person sit in an interesting pose and try to capture what the person looks like. If it's yourself, use a mirror to see all the lines and shapes in your face.

- Paint an outdoor landscape with trees or flowers. Find a pretty spot with lots of colors and paint what you see. Paint at different times of the day and see how the light makes the colors look different.
- Paint a still life. A “still life” is an object, like a bowl of fruit or vase. Set up what you want to paint first. Don’t forget to show how the light hits the object by using light and dark colors.
- **Step 3: Paint a mood-** Some painters create “abstract” art. They don’t paint objects or people. They use shapes, lines, and colors to paint a feeling or mood. Pretend you are an artist who is trying to paint an emotion. Paint what you think one of these moods would look like. Remember, it’s your idea, so it’s okay if other people don’t see it like you do. Choose one to do.
  - Calm. What colors would you use to create a calm feeling?
  - Happy. How would you show a happy feeling? What colors or shapes make you smile?
  - Angry. What colors or shapes look like anger to you?
- **Step 4: Paint without brushes-** Who says you have to use brushes? Try painting with one of the things below.
  - Paint with something from nature. Use something with a design on it, like a leaf. Press it into paint and then onto your paper. Try different kinds of leaves.
  - Paint with indoor objects. Dip string or yarn into paint and drag it across your page. Paint an entire picture this way. Then use a feather, a spoon, or a cotton swab as a paintbrush. Next, paint a picture and use a straw to gently blow water on it. What does it do to the picture?
  - Paint with a stamp. All kinds of things make super stamps. With an adult’s help, cut a potato in half and carve out a design. Dip the end in paint and stamp it on your paper. Try it with a sponge or bubble wrap, too.
- **Step 5: Paint a mural-** A mural is a really big painting that tells a story. Murals are sometimes painted on buildings (some take up whole city blocks!). Do you have any murals in your town? If not, team up with an adult to look at some online. Then create a mural on butcher paper (or many pieces of paper taped together). Choose one.
  - Paint a mural that tells a story you love. It could be the story of your favorite book, or all about the best family vacation ever.
  - Paint a mural about your Girl Scout fun. What about the story of a favorite trip or activity?
  - Paint a mural that tells the story of an event or person. Choose a story you want your community to know about.

**\*Once completed, this badge can be purchased at the GSUSA Girl Scout shop for \$3.00 plus shipping. This Brownie badge can be found in the Brownie badge section under the Art category or visit the direct link at: <https://www.girlscoutshop.com/BROWNIE-PAINTING-BADGE>**

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