



GIRL SCOUTS OF CITRUS COUNCIL  
ECO ART PATCH  
PROGRAM



## Welcome to Girl Scouts of Citrus Eco Art Patch Program.

What is Eco Art? It is a form of art that helps people that are concerned about the environment express their message through art.

It is ecological art with a purpose, which is created by anyone that is focused on making the world a better place.

**Objective:** To learn how to take a variety of materials and repurpose them into artwork.

### Goals:

1. Create art from recycled and natural materials
2. Introduce Leave No Trace
3. Inspire an appreciation for nature

**Patch:** Upon completion of this program you can send an email to the GSC Council Shop at [shop@citrus-gs.org](mailto:shop@citrus-gs.org) to order and pay for your patch.

**Total Time:** 1.5 to 2 hours

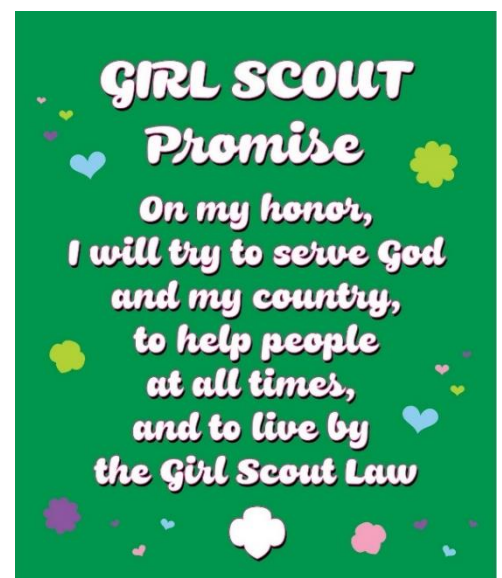
**Grade levels:** K – 5

**Location/Space Needed:** Open space in the outdoors (back or front yard)

### Supplies Needed:

- Scissors
- Tempera Paint
- Paint brushes
- Elmer's Glue
- Recycled tin cans (1 per girl)
- Tissue paper in various colors
- Toilet Paper tubes (2-3 per girl)
- Bamboo skewers

Before starting any Girl Scout activity, we always say The Pledge of Allegiance and the Girl Scout Promise.



## Session Outline

Before the session begins:

- Review Safety Activity Checkpoints for any safety concerns.
- Set up supplies
- Walk through program area and look for anything that a girl/adult could potentially have an accident with or hurt themselves i.e. un-even ground, holes, stumps, poison ivy, bees, etc.



1. Introduction [5 - 10 minutes]: (if applicable)

- Adults Introduce themselves
- Give a brief overview of what the program entails.
- Cover basic rules (Respect, Buddies, bathroom location, etc.)
- Have the girls introduce themselves and name their favorite thing in nature.



2. Activities:

- **Tube Flowers** Part 1 [40 minutes]
  - Each girl gets one can and 2-3 cardboard tubes, based on supply.
  - Draw a ring about  $\frac{1}{2}$  in wide around the middle of each tube
  - Draw lines every  $\frac{1}{2}$  in from the end of the tube to the ring
  - While leaving the ring intact, cut the lines and fold back petals
  - Paint the petals and bamboo skewers
  - Decorate the tin can with paint and/or tissue paper
  - Set everything aside to dry.



- **Art in Nature** [45 minutes]

- Ask the group to define art in their own words. What does it mean to you? How is it made? How do you know something is art?
- Ask the group if they know what LNT stands for or what it is.
- Have the girls watch this video;
  - <https://youtu.be/4pp4aqwE0pQ>
- Explain the basic principles- take only photos, leave only footprints. (Handout #1)
- Why is this important?
  - To protect our environment and the animals that live amongst us to preserve it for generations to come.
- Everyone must stay where they can be seen and may not use any living items but may use anything else to create their own masterpiece! Fallen leaves, sticks, rocks, trash, anything they can find!
- Encourage anyone struggling to find patterns in nature and work from there, ask girls if they would like to share their art at the end.
- Once any who would like to share have done so, each girl will need to follow LNT and return the items they used to where they found them (except trash!)

- **Tube Flowers** pt.2 [20 minutes]

- Crumple a piece of tissue paper to stuff into the center of your flowers, use a little glue to help it stay put.
- Carefully push skewer through the bottom of the ring.
- Crumple a piece of tissue paper into the bottom of the can, this helps keep the flowers upright, and place flowers in.



### 3. **Closing** [10 minutes]:

- Have girls buddy up to talk about what they can do to make a difference while helping with below Kapers:
  - Clean off surfaces.
  - Sweep.
  - Put away supplies used.
  - Collect Flowers to take home.
- Friendship Circle

