Brownie Painting Badge Activity Plan 1

**Purpose:** When girls have earned this badge, they'll have new ideas about what and how to paint.

**Planning Guides Link:** Healthy Living and Creativity

**Fun Patch Link:** Experience the Arts

**Activity Plan Length:** 1.5 hours

**Resources**
- This activity plan has been adapted from the Brownie Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting Painting Badge, which can be used for additional information and activities.

**Activity #1: Explore More**
**Badge Connection:** Step 1—Get inspired
**Time Allotment:** 15 minutes

**Materials Needed:**
- Library books with different style paintings. Many books can be found at the library by searching for impressionism, pointillism, cubism, pop art and realism.

**Steps:**
1. Have girl look through the art books and find pictures of paintings that they really like.
2. Have girls share their favorite pictures with one another.
3. Discuss with the girls the different styles of art such as pointillism, pop art, cubism, impressionism, realism, etc. Ask girls to share their thoughts about the paintings and how the different pictures make them feel.

**Activity #2: Paper Bag Imagination**
**Badge Connection:** Step 2—Paint the real world
**Time Allotment:** 25 minutes

**Materials Needed:**
- Grocery paper bags, crumpled to various degrees (two to three bags)
- Paint and bowls or cups to hold the paint
- Paintbrushes
- Large pieces of paper (one per girl)

**Steps:**
1. Set up the paper bags upside down and near each other. They should stand at various heights and positions depending on how they were crumpled.
2. Have girls use their imaginations to paint landscapes using the paper bags as inspiration for their landscapes. Are the bags mountains? Trees? Clouds? Animals?

**Activity #3: Snack Chat and Organic Stamping**
**Badge Connection:** Step 4—Paint without brushes
**Time Allotment:** 20 minutes

**Materials Needed:**
• Assorted washed and cut fresh fruits and vegetables
• Paper plates and napkins
• Washable paints
• Paper
• Paper towels

Steps:
1. For stamping, cut patterns into some of the fruit and veggies. Cut various shapes, such as squares, triangles, etc. Leave some without patterns for girls to see what designs are made just from the food item.
2. Sit down with girls and have them enjoy a snack of fruit and veggies.
3. As the girls finish snack, ask them to think of a time when they haven’t used paintbrushes to paint pictures.
   • What have you used besides brushes? Your fingers and hands? Other objects?
   • Have you ever used fruits and vegetables to paint?
4. Using the fruit and veggie stamps, have girls each make their own painting. Demonstrate how the girls should lightly dip the stamp into the bowl and then stamp their paper.
5. Encourage girls to try the different stamps.
6. Ask them which stamps they like best and if they think there are other things they can use to paint with at home, such as leaves or small branches.

More to Explore
• Field Trip Ideas:
  o Visit a local art museum.
  o Take a walk around your meeting place. When you return, have girls paint something they saw.
• Speaker Ideas:
  o Invite a local artist to your meeting.
  o Invite a museum docent or curator to your meeting to talk about paintings.

Customize It!: If your group wants to expand work on this badge or simply try different activities, go for it! There are many ways to earn this award, including: Completing the activities as listed in the Brownie *Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting*, completing two of these activity plans, attending a council-sponsored event or customizing activities. Pick the one(s) that work best for your group. Girls will know they have earned the award if:
• They can recognize different styles of paintings
• They experiment with different painting activities
• They are inspired to paint more

Family Follow-Up Email
Use the email below as a template to let families know what girls did at the meeting today. Feel free to add additional information, including:
• When and where you will be meeting next
• What activities you will do at the next meeting
• Family help or assistance that is needed
• Supplies or materials that girls will need to bring to the next meeting
• Reminders about important dates and upcoming activities
Hello Girl Scout Families:

We had a wonderful time today learning about different styles and ways to paint. We used our creative minds and are on our way to earning the Painting Badge.

We had fun:
• Exploring different ways to paint and using our imaginations
• Learning about different styles of art

Continue the fun at home:
• Spend time together using your imaginations to create new paintings together.
• Share your favorite artwork and artists with your Brownie.
• Look through the Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting with your Brownie to find other activities you can try at home.

Thank you for bringing your Brownie to Girl Scouts!

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