



Cadette Comic Artist

Pillar: Civic Engagement/Life Skills

Outcomes: Strong sense of self

Cadettes will earn their badge by: Diving into the world of comics and creating one of your own.

1. Delve into the worlds of comics
2. Check out comic strips from the paper or online. Take notes on what you like and don't like, how artists show feelings and actions, and how they work timing to make great punch lines.
 - a. KC Star Comics: <https://www.kansascity.com/entertainment/comics/article174177391.html>
 - b. Go Comics website: <https://www.gocomics.com/comics/kids-teens>
3. Choose a story to tell. At heart, comics are a method of storytelling.
 - a. Think of the story you want to tell. It can be a story from your life, from a book or movie, or something you make up. Think of the characters, a situation, and the comic gag.
4. Draw it out
5. Take the characters in your story and start some rough sketching.
 - a. Watch this video from the Nelson-Atkins Museum on developing a character: <https://youtu.be/cgknMF-b8pU>

Need supplies to complete this badge? [ScrapsKC](#) has badge kits for sale with supplies for steps 3, 4, and 5.

6. Frame it in four panels
 - a. It's time to put your characters into action and that means framing them, drawing them in little boxes called panels. Use facial expressions and/or body postures to move your story along.
7. Add the words to your four-panel comic strip
 - a. Add dialogue if you have more than one character or use thought bubbles if your story revolves around one character.
 - b. Check out this video from the Nelson-Atkins Museum on creating a comic strip to help you with steps 4 and 5: <https://youtu.be/AAanYVpT3Vk>

Share your work on the GSKSMO Virtual Art Show - https://www.gsksmo.org/en/events/virtual_art_show.html

When you're finished: Congratulations, you have earned your badge! You can purchase by emailing shopdept@gsksmo.org or at <https://www.girlscoutshop.com/CADETTE-COMIC-ARTIST-BADGE>.

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