



Comic Artist



Badge Overview

Newspaper cartoons, comic books, graphic novels...comic art is a broad, exciting, and growing field. Comics are sometimes described as “sequential art,” though some are only one panel. So what is a comic, exactly? It’s a visual story told however you would like to tell it. Go for it!

Badge Components Part 1

1. Delve into the world of comics

Earn this step by watching this [video](#) to hear from a comic book artist about women in the world of comics today. Then check out this [video](#) to hear more from the same artist about how she got into the world of comics, what the creative process is like, and how her confidence has grown through it all!

2. Choose a story to tell

Earn this step by coming up with a quick story that you want to tell in comic form! It can be based on a real-life experience involving you, your family, and your friends. It can also be completely fiction with characters you create. Just make sure it is your own original story!

3. Draw it out

It’s time to start drawing!

- Earn this step by checking out this [video](#) to get some useful tips from a comic book artist when it comes to drawing faces. Follow along with their drawing example, and after, practice doing some sketches of your own!

4. Frame it in four panels

It is time to turn your story from step 2 to life!

- Earn this step by creating 4 square panels and drawing your characters in action through facial expressions and/or body posture. You can have the panels arranged in a row or a square, and one way you can experiment with different arrangements is by using sticky notes as your panels.
- You can leave your comic in black and white, or add color depending on your vision, but always start with a pencil so you can erase and make changes! Don’t forget to leave room for speech or thought bubbles where needed in your story, which you will work on in step 5.

5. Add the words

Now that you have your drawings complete, it is time to add some words.

- Earn this step by adding speech or thought bubbles and writing some dialogue! Remember that people read left to right, so the leftmost bubble will need to be the start of the dialogue if there are multiple bubbles. If you want to take a third-person approach, you can add rectangular boxes to the bottom of your panels and write your narrative.
- Bonus! Next time you connect with your Cadette Girl Scout sisters, share your comic with them and see what they think!

Materials

- Pencil and eraser
- White paper
- Optional coloring supplies
- Access to internet

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