

ROCK PAINTING KIT

Rock painting is a fun activity everyone can do. Designs can be as simple or complicated as each individual wants.

Painted rocks can be used as paper weights, or garden markers. Put an inspirational quote on your rock and leave it on a hiking path or beach for someone else to find!

SUPPLIES INCLUDED:

- Design sheets
- Black and white acrylic paint
- Brushes of various sizes

ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES:

- Rocks
- Acrylic paint in various colours (can be found at dollar stores)
- Water container
- Newspaper
- Paper plates

STEPS

- Rocks can be found just about anywhere but be sure to choose rocks that provide a smooth surface for painting. Rocks with pitted surfaces or sandstone do not work well.
- Clean your stones and allow them to completely dry. Any dirt or debris will get trapped by paint and moisture will prevent the paint from adhering properly.
- Lay out newspaper to keep surfaces clean.
- Empty plastic containers can be used for water to rinse your brushes. Acrylic paint washes out in water but always be sure to wash brushes well immediately after use and allow to dry before storage.
- Pick your design! Some fun sheets have been included but designs can be found online at Pinterest

- Paper plates can be used as paint palettes

TIPS

- Sketch your design out first using a pencil. This can help reduce errors and help you plan the size of your design. Pencil is easily painted over.
- **USE SMALL AMOUNTS OF PAINT!.** The more paint you use the longer it takes to dry. Two light coats are better than one thick coat. Wait 5 minutes between coats to allow adequate drying time.
- Paint your background first. Note that dark backgrounds will affect the colour of designs painted over them. You will require more coats and the colours may not pop in the same way. If you are concerned about the sharpness of your design paint the background around it.
- Try different tools! Lollipop sticks, toothpicks, and pens can all be dabbed in paint to create designs