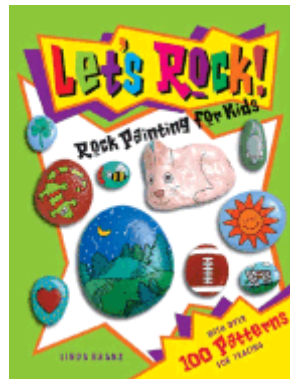


Have a Rockin' Great Rock Painting Party

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Stuff You Will Need

Rocks First you'll need to find your rocks. You can find them in ordinary places or at a landscape or garden supply stores. Smooth, flat rocks work best. It's better if they are non-porous.

Paint Acrylic paint works best for painting rocks.

Brushes You can buy a few brushes to start out with, and then over time add to your collection.

Paint Tray You can buy a small paint tray at a craft or art supply store, or you can use a Styrofoam egg carton, an old ice-cube tray, or an empty butter dish.

Paper You'll need paper for covering your work surface, and paper to place under your rock while you paint (plain white or brown paper, like a cut-open grocery sack, is best).

INSTRUCTIONS

Prepare the Rock:

1. Rinse the rock well in warm water. Try to avoid using soap if possible. Pat dry with paper towels and allow to air dry completely.
2. Lay the rock on a flat surface. Choose which side will be the “bottom” or underside of the according to which side lays flat best. You will paint your design on the “top” of the rock.
3. Use a container with a lid to mix your base coat color. You will need to mix enough base coat to cover your entire rock several times, and to have enough left over to correct mistakes or pencil lines at the end. It’s important that your container has an airtight lid to keep the paint from drying out.
4. Cover your work area with paper. Paint the top of your rock with base coat. Smooth out any bubbles or uneven paint by brushing over the rock in one direction. Allow to air dry. Repeat step several times. (Allow to air dry between each coat.)

Now You’re Ready to Paint Your Design!

1. Choose the design you wish to pain on your rock. You could pick a design from the book, or draw your own. If you choose to draw your own design, lay your rock on plain paper and draw around the rock to get the shape and size. Then draw your design inside the rock outline.
2. Cut out your design, either your own or one from the book. Rub pencil on the back side of the cutout. Put the cutout, pencil-rub side down, on the rock. Now trace the design onto the rock.
3. Pain your design with your chosen color and allow to air dry completely.
4. Pain the background color on the top and sides of your rock. You may need to apply more than one coat of pain to your design or background (remember to let your rock dry between coats!).

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