**Rock Painting**

**Materials**

* Rocks:  Walk around the neighbourhood and look for *smooth* rocks.  ​
* Paint:  The best paint to use on rocks is acrylic paint.
* Brushes:  The key to painting details on your rocks is small brush sizes.
* Markers & Pens:  A great option for decorating rocks are paint pens and markers.
  + Markers—If you want to doodle using regular markers, you will first need to paint a while acrylic base on your rocks.
  + Pens for outlining—For creating black outlines around finished designs, consider using micron pens.  Just make sure your paint is completely dry beforehand.
  + Liquid Chalk Markers—Depending on the brand, you may need to paint a white acrylic base on your rock first.
  + Chalk Crayons—You can use these to draw directly onto your rocks.
* Sealant:  To protect your designs, you will need to use a sealant, either a matte or glossy variety.  Spray sealants are recommended as paintable sealants can smear your artwork.
* To learn more about potential rock-painting materials, visit:

<https://colormadehappy.com/best-painting-rocks-supplies-guide/>

**Steps**

1. Prep your rocks by washing them outside with a hose, then let them dry.
2. Get creative with your designs, then let the paint or ink dry.
3. Apply a sealant once your paint or ink is *completely* dry.
4. Consider writing encouraging messages on your rocks and leaving them where someone will find them—they can brighten someone’s day!

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