



# Painted Rocks

- medium-sized stones
- paint brush
- acrylic paint
- scrap paper/newspaper for your workspace
- cup of water to wash your paintbrush

If you ever plant flowers or tend a garden in the spring, you might notice new rocks in the soil that weren't there before. These rocks come from further underground. During the winter, the rocks slowly get pushed to the surface. When the ground freezes, the moisture in the ground turns to ice. Because rocks attract heat better than frozen soil, the ice slowly pushes the underground rocks closer to the surface. So by the time spring comes around, you'll have a whole new selection of rocks for painting!

1. Find a few medium-sized smooth stones outside your house or in a nearby park. They should be about the size of a cup holder or an egg.
2. Rinse the dirt off and let them dry.
3. Lay out some scrap paper or newspaper where you can paint the rocks and let them dry.
4. Optional: mix your paint colors. For example, you can mix blue and red to make purple. Use the scrap paper or a paper plate as your mixing pallet.
5. Start painting your rocks! Begin by covering the whole rock with one paint color.
6. Let the first coat of paint dry completely.
7. Paint your design in another color on top of the first coat of paint.
8. Let your rock dry.

## Ideas for inspiration:

- Paint animals. Make a whole jungle (snake, bird, jaguar) or fish tank (clownfish, jellyfish, turtle).
- Paint a word or name to give to a friend/family member.
- Use a permanent marker to outline your design or add in eyes.
- Hide your painted rocks around your yard or house for a scavenger hunt!



“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do.”  
Ephesians 2:10

It’s amazing how many unique and colorful designs you can paint onto rocks that were once gray and ordinary. You should be proud of your creation!  
This is how God feels about us. God is the ultimate artist. Imagine your life is a stone that God wants to paint on. God can take ordinary people and bring out their greatness!