



## Create Your Own Painted Rock Craft



Painting rocks and the Rock Drop has become such a popular and fun pastime recently. Follow the instructions below to create your own painted rocks and find out how you can turn this simple crafting activity into a super-fun treasure hunt with your little ones.

### Instructions:



### You will need:

- Rocks with smooth surface
- Acrylic paints or paint pens
- Small paint brushes
- Clear sealant (your local hardware shop will have clear sealers to paint on or spray. Just make sure they are suitable for external weather and non-yellowing)

### Step 1:

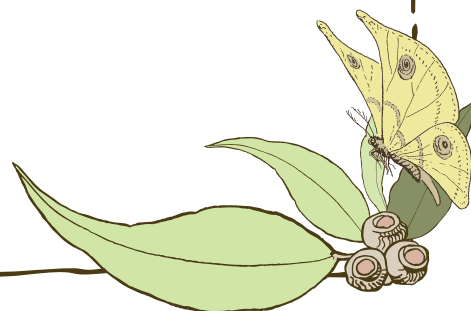
Look for rocks with a smooth surface and start with ones that fit in your palm. Wash your rocks using water and a brush to scrub them clean. Allow to dry completely before painting.

### Step 2: (optional)

Paint a base coat onto your rocks if you;d like your design to stand out. The images opposite use two layers of white acrylic paint but you could use black or any other colour.

### Step 3:

Paint your design onto the flat surface of the rock using acrylic paints and a brush or paint pens. You can also use permanent marker if you have a base coat painted on first.





#### Step 4:

Wait for your rock to dry before using the sealant. Take your rocks outside to seal and follow the instructions on your product. We used two coats of varnish on these rocks to make sure they would last in the weather.

#### Step 5:

Take your finished creation and create a treasure hunt with your rocks in your garden or backyard.

You can also join the Rock Drop craze and hide them in a local park for others to find and enjoy.



#### What is the Rock Drop craze all about?

The idea of a "Rock Drop" is you paint rocks then place them in a park (not too hidden) for someone to find. Then you take a photo of your hidden rock and post it online in a local rock drop Facebook group. Now it's up to someone else to find your rock! Once found, this person then posts online that they have found the rock and have now hidden it in a new location. This way, the fun keeps going!

Rock dropping is a fun way to get the kids outdoors, do something kind for others and be creative. You could paint words of kindness or inspiration on your rocks and leave them in plain sight for anyone to find.



This is a contribution from Crafty Bel!. Crafty Bel is here to help stimulate little imaginations and spark a creative flame in little people. Inspired by May Gibbs' own passion for creative writing and art, Bel helps educators and mums to embrace nature inspired creativity. You can find more of Bel's work at Mums Take Five.

