Rock Painting Instructions

Follow these simple steps:

- 1. Find or buy your rock(s). Make sure you have permission before removing rocks from a public area.
- 2. Purchase **acrylic paint** to use. You can find it in many stores, even dollar stores. Better paint contains more pigment and requires fewer coats. You may have some at home. Ask your parents.
- 3. Make sure the rock(s) you chose are clean. Wash/scrub in warm soapy water and allow to dry completely.
- 4. Base coating a rock is essentially covering the rock's surface with a layer of **acrylic paint** for a blank canvas effect. It's usually done with white paint but can be any color you choose. No special brush is required, but a larger flat brush will make it go more quickly.
- 5. After your base coat is dry, you can begin your design. Until the paint dries, it can be washed off with soap and water. Once dry, it is permanent, although it can be scratched off and, when placed outdoors, will fade. You can use any small brush and wash thoroughly when changing colors.
- 6. Sealing is the final step. You can use spray or paint on sealant. The dry times vary based on the method and product. Read the directions and apply according to the manufacturer. The spray is typically quicker, but must be done outdoors. Brush-on can be done indoors in a well-ventilated room, but requires a longer dry time.

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