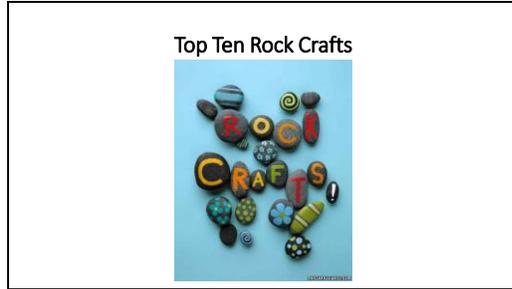


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Painting on Stones Is a Craft That Rocks!

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Good. Then you have all the materials needed for this summer craft: easy rock wrapping! Use variegated yarn, and wrap as much or as little as you want!

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Possibilities are endless – check out the site for lots of practicalities on preparation, different ways to share, and heartwarming stories. For young and old!

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As if the concept of rocks painted like little monsters isn't really amusing sufficient, Glue googly eyes to these ones for additional laughter. You can also glue an item of magnet strip to the back so the beasts will stay with your fridge!

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As well as creating a piece of abstract art inspired by a famous artist, these rocks present endless creative play possibilities. Kids can use them as color charts; to create patterns and mandala art; they could be offered as gifts to friends and family or simply left on the beach as a gift to a stranger. These use acrylic paint and varnish or modge podge.

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Story stones can be used in many ways:
You can use them as story tell aides: the children choose a stone from the basket, and start a story based on the picture on the stone that they've chosen. Another stone is drawn from the basket, and the story continues, incorporating this next picture into it. You can tell the story, or have a child tell the story, or you can pass the basket around at circle time, so that each child draws a stone, and adds another sentence to the story.

If you make enough of them, the kids can use them to sort and organize them, helping with early math skills.

These are made from cutting out pictures and modpodging them onto rocks.

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I so want to do this. Instructions are clear at this site btw.

Paint your rock white, fill a bowl with water so rock can be submerged, Add one drop of your first color into the bowl. The color will spread out.

Then, add another drop of a different color to the center of the first color. Continue to add one drop of color at a time in the center of the previous color. Be quick when adding more colors, nail polish will harden if it sits still for too long. Create design with toothpick. When you are done marbling the nail polish, dip your rock slowly in the center of your nail polish design. Submerge the rock underwater and then slowly remove it.

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Instead of fingernail polish, you can marble with Martha Stewart Marbling Medium -- this way you can get the fancy, marbled effect of the rocks without having to deal with the mess of dipping them in water. There's a video -- it tells you where to buy the rocks (home depot) and acrylic paint supplies, and then drip, rock and roll!

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This starts with heating the rocks on foil in the oven at 350 degrees, which makes it safer for kids to paint with the crayons which melt on contact. The melting crayon is so liquid it's like painting with crayons. You can use one color or several. Make designs, swirls, dots, stripes, faces, whatever.

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There's lots of incredible pictures to make using rocks! Our kids used to make faces using rocks.

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And finally, another version of the Kindness Rock Project, but vision rocks, for those without artistic painting on rock talent. These use messages from magazines, and are modpodged on!