

Gratefulness Rocks Activity

Gratefulness rocks are fun to make, and an easy way to share things we are grateful for with our family, friends and neighbors. We can put them in our front yard, or porch, or even on a family altar. Below are the directions for two painting methods.

Gratefulness Rocks with Acrylic Paint Pens or Paint Markers

Materials List:

- Clean and dry rock
- Scratch paper or newspaper to protect your work area
- Old clothes or art apron to protect your clothes
- Acrylic Paint Pens

Directions:

1. Protect your clothes and your work surface. The markers may stain.
2. Use your marker and color in the background color. If you choose a light color, you may have to first color your rock white, or use a primer, and then do several layers with your chosen color. Allow the marker to dry in between layers.
3. Choose words or images for your message. Draw these on your rock. Let dry.
4. Add any decorations to your rock. Let dry.
5. Clean up and put away your art materials.



Gratefulness Rocks with Acrylic Paint and Brushes

Materials List:

- Clean and dry rock
- Scratch paper or newspaper to protect your work surface
- Old clothes or art apron to protect your clothes
- Acrylic Paint
- Brushes
- Palette – can use a paper plate, or ceramic plate
- Water cup or kitchen sink, and paper towels for cleaning brushes

Directions:

1. Protect your clothes and your work surface. The markers may stain.
2. Lay out your materials
3. Choose your background color and paint it on. If you choose a light color, you may need to first paint your rock with white or a primer, let it dry, and then paint your background color.
4. Clean your paint brush while your rock is drying.
5. Once the rock is dry, paint on your words and decorations.
6. You could also use Paint pens to create the designs and write the words.
7. Clean up your art supplies while your rock is drying.