

Stone Painting for Kids

Designs to Spark Your Creativity

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Geometric Shapes





1 You will need flat stones. Shape is not important, so you can choose oval, round, or irregular-shaped ones. Here are six stones. Using a pencil, draw basic geometric shapes on them: a rectangle, a square, an oval, a circle, a triangle, and a hexagon.



2 Color your shapes. You can use acrylic, watercolor, or tempera paint. Some round brushes such as numbers 3 and 4 are good choices. You can use felt-tip pens or paint pens for this step too.



3 Now you can decorate your geometric shapes. First, draw a thin line around the edges of your shapes, using a black felt-tip pen. Then draw a thicker line around the black line, using a color that's different from the colors of your shapes. Next, draw dashed lines around the thick line with a third color. You will have the best-looking stones!



4 For another fun style, you can use masking tape. Wrap the tape to a portion of the stone (across the middle, for example). Make sure the tape is firmly pressed onto the surface. Paint one uncovered part of the stone with the color of your choice.



5 Paint the other uncovered part of the stone with a different color and wait for the paint to completely dry. Carefully remove the tape.



6 Repeat steps 4 and 5 for each section you wish to color. If you find some areas where paint leaks when the tape is pulled off, don't worry! You can paint over these parts with a brush or paint pen of the same color.

Numbers





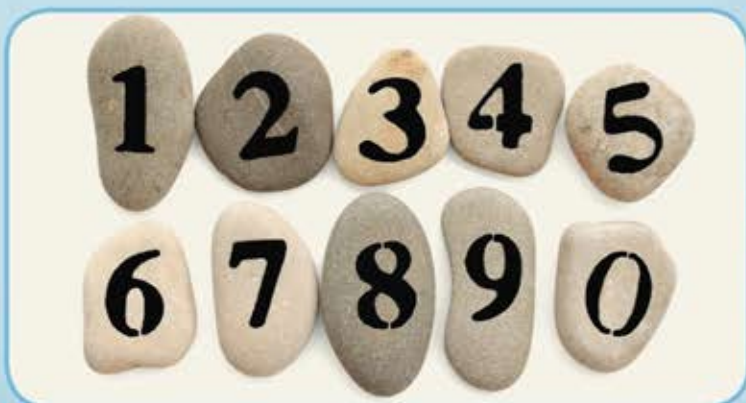
1 Choose smooth, flat stones. This will make it easy for you to write numbers on them.



2 Write your numbers with large-tip paint pens, using different colors. Keep your numbers simple, or draw dots and small lines around them with different colors.

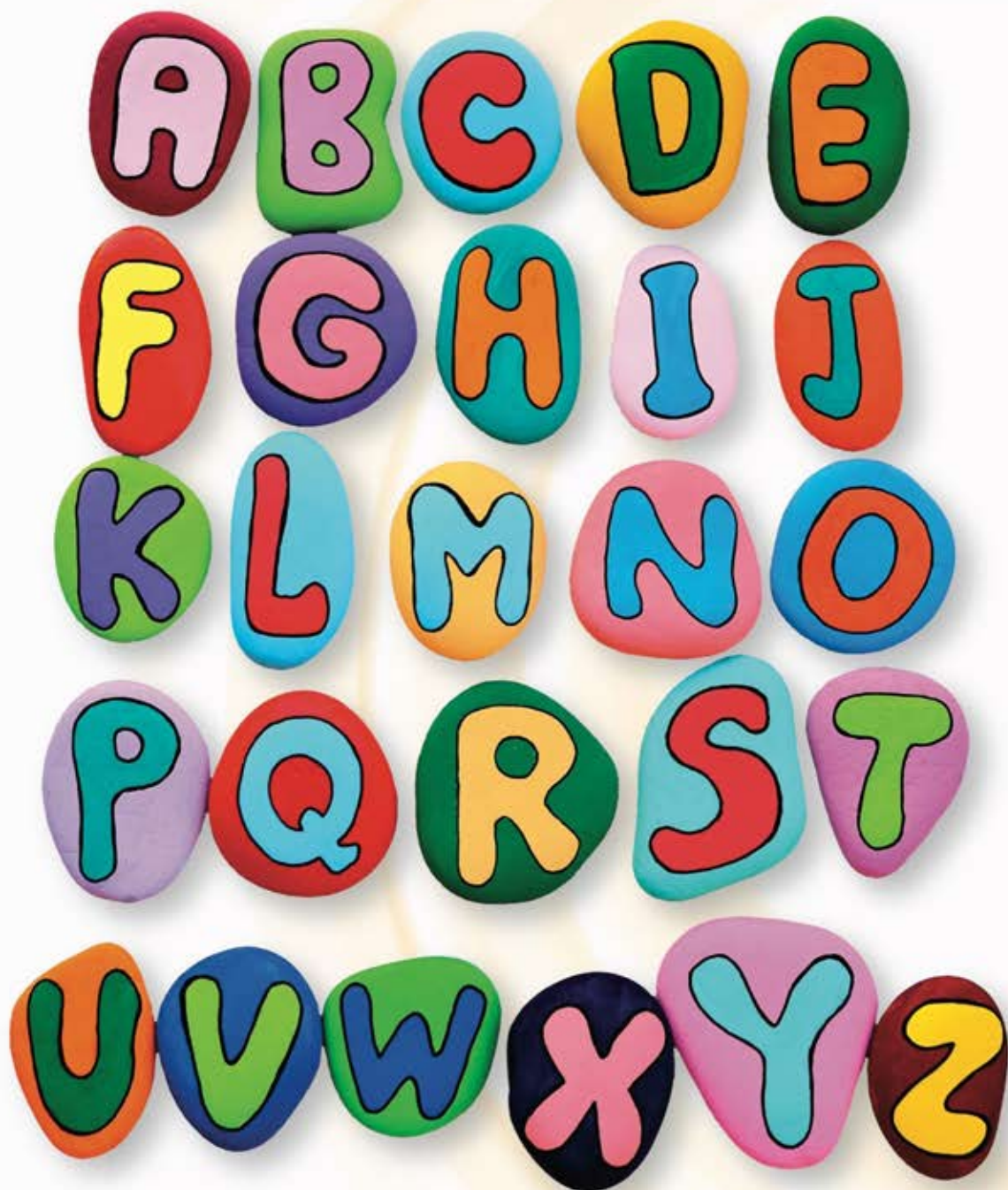


3 Another way to write numbers on your stones is to use number stencils. Place the stencil on the stone's surface and carefully trace the number with a pencil. If you make a mistake, you can erase it and try again.



4 Fill your numbers with the colors of your choice. Try to paint with care and stay inside the lines. I used black paint for the numbers, but you can try other colors for a different look.

Letters





1 Try to find flat stones with similar shapes to the alphabet's twenty-six letters.



2 Paint the surface of the stones with different colors. Acrylic paints have the brightest colors, but you can use tempera, poster paint, or watercolors.



3 When the stones are completely dry, draw the outline of your letters. For lighter background colors, use a pencil. For darker surface colors, use a white pencil.



4 Paint your letters with colors that go well with the background colors. You can use paint and brush or color paint pens. Outline your letters with black liner pens, felt-tip pens, or black paint pens. Now you're ready to spell words!

Hearts





1 You will need heart- and triangle-shaped stones. Use a pencil or paint to draw your heart on the stone's surface, or cover the stone with paint and then draw your heart.



2 When the paint dries, use paint pens to define the heart designs with bold, thick lines.



3 Add colorful bold lines with paint pens inside the original heart and outline them with a black pen. This helps the design pop! To add movement, draw some black lines inside a colored line.



4 If you want to add more details, decorate your red-painted stones with white lines, colored dots, and dashes using paint pens. For the green/purple/yellow heart, add a pink outline and some pink, white, and turquoise dots.