

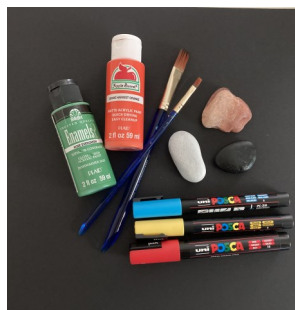


PAINTED ROCKS

Turn ordinary rocks into a work of art with this project, inspired by Nicholas Monro's *Stone Circle*.

SUPPLIES

- Smooth rocks – You might find some in nature, or they can be purchased at most craft store or garden centers.
- Acrylic craft paint and brushes, paint pens, permanent markers or spray paint



Inspiration Image: Nicholas Monro, *Stone Circle*, 1972 Screenprint, 24.5 in. x 34.5 in. Collection of the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art. Gift of Sam Solotkin.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Wash your rocks until they are clean and free of dirt. Do this outside if you can, to avoid clogging your plumbing. Scrub the rocks with an old toothbrush or stiff bristled brush if you have one. Let rocks dry completely.
2. Decide what you want to paint! Does your rock look like something else? Is it shaped like a slice of pizza or a bird? Do you want to write words on your rock? Do you want to paint a pretty abstract design on your rock?
3. Paint using acrylic craft paint, paint markers, permanent markers, spray paint, or any other materials you have on hand. Note: Rough rock surfaces may damage felt-tipped markers. Let your painted design dry completely.
4. If you'd like to protect your design, cover your rock with a layer of mod podge or spray sealant.
5. Consider hiding painted rocks in your community for someone else to find. Check out The Kindness Rocks Project online to learn more about how to spread positivity through this project.



KEY WORDS

Abstract art is art which is not meant to represent images from our everyday world. It uses color, lines, and shapes, but the design is not meant to represent objects or living things.