

# MY SPECIAL STONE

craft activity



## what you'll need

- stones that are flat, round and smooth plus small and light enough to fit in your hand
- paints or paint pens in various colours plus a black marker for outlining
- paint brushes in various sizes
- brush-on outdoor sealant or clear nail polish
- paper | water in a cup [to clean brushes]
- old clothes [wear something that will be o.k. if paint gets on them]

## let's begin

- You can find stones outside in the garden or purchase them from a craft, variety or landscaping type of store.
- Wash your stones, scrubbing any dirt off. Rinse and wipe them then set them aside to dry.
- While your stones dry, think about how you want your stone to look. You can colour it in various colours | decorate it with squiggles and shapes | make it an animal, person or object | write your favourite words on it.
- You may want to draw your design on paper first so you can follow it when you are painting.
- Place some paper down and set up your workspace.

## choose your special stone

- Paint the stone's background and set it on some paper to dry then paint each element or colour and allow for drying between each paint layer. Once your stone is painted, set it aside to dry completely.
- Finish your design by using the markers to draw any finer details.
- Paint a thin layer of sealant (or nail polish) over the whole stone and leave it for a couple of hours to dry and seal.

## while you are waiting

- clean your brushes | clean your workspace and throw any rubbish out | put paint and other supplies away | when finished wash your hands.



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