

# Getting Started Painted Rocks

Congratulations! You have decided you want to paint rocks. I am excited you have decided to join the millions of people around the world who are spreading KINDNESS and LOVE. It is easy to get started and I would like to share with you some things I have learned in my process of painting rocks. First thing is a desire to brighten someone's day. That is what this movement is all about. You DO NOT have to be an excellent artist. In fact artistic ability is not a requirement. You can learn and improve as you practice. Supplies to start are basic and simple but can grow to unlimited items. PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE AFFILIATE LINKS TO AMAZON INCLUDED ON THIS PAGE.

You need rocks. You can start with small rocks from your yard (that is what I did - took some rocks from the pretend stream in my front yard). I wanted to make sure this is something I really wanted to do. After a few rocks, I was hooked and started to expand. Next I found a lady on Craigslist that wanted to remove river rock from her backyard. She said I could take as many as I wanted for FREE. I filled several boxes and carried them home in the trunk of my car. You can collect rocks from the beach (if you live close to one), a river or dry creek bed. Make sure your collecting area is not posted or in a National Park or regional park that is off limits. You can purchase rocks from Home Depot, Michaels, Dollar stores, Walmart, Lowes, or other craft stores. [You can order rocks from Amazon. They have black rocks.](#) Many landscape & rock companies will sell you rocks by the 5 gallon bucket full. You get to pick out the rocks. The size, price and condition will vary. I recently paid \$3 for 60 small rocks. They had a wax coating on them which came off with hot water and soap. You will need to wash all your rocks to make sure they are clean before painting.

Label your rocks. You will want to put a label on your rocks so you can follow it on Facebook. There is a label you can print off for [INFUSED PAINTED ROCKS #IPR under the label tab](#). I recommend putting the label on before painting to make sure your artwork does not get damaged later. Put a light coating of [Mod Podge](#) on the rock first, lay the label down and [Mod Podge](#) over it. Let dry for a few minutes.

Paint your rocks. You will want to use Acrylic paints. You can get various paints from many different sources. I started with a 24 pack set from Walmart that sells for \$9.97. It has a lot of different colors. You can also buy individual bottles of paint for anywhere from 50 cents to \$4 per bottle depending on the size and type of paint. You can also buy a set of [18 Apple Barrel Paint from Amazon](#). Recently I bought a set of 24 tubes of Acrylic paints for \$5.39 on a one-day special. It normally sells for \$17.96! Good score! Here is another set of [24 tube paints from Amazon](#).

Add a HEART. We suggest you add a small or large heart some where on the rock. This will represent the intention of spreading LOVE along with the rocks.

You can also use paint pens. My favorite is the [Posca Pens](#). You will want to start out with Fine or Extra Fine tips. They are expensive to start out but they don't run when sealer is applied, are refillable and the tips can be changed. If you use Sharpies you have to make sure they dry for about 24 hours before sealing them. They can run and destroy your beautiful art.

Brushes. You will need some brushes. Almost any painters brush will work. I had some good brushes left over from a painting project years ago. I was out of town and did not bring my rock painting tools with me, shame on me. I went to Dollar General and found a small set of 6 brushes for \$3. This will get you started. [You can also get nail brushes from Amazon that work good for small pictures](#). They also have [bigger brushes](#).

What to paint. There is much you can put on your rocks. You can search for ideas in Pinterest, Facebook, YouTube, coloring books and your active imagination. If you have never painted - do not worry. You can write inspiring words. Use napkins and decoupage them onto the rocks. I would suggest to start by watching YouTube videos. Anything painted on a canvas can be adapted to a rock. I found [The Art Sherpa](#) to be easy to follow and funny. She has over 600 videos on YouTube. I like her sense of humor. There are many videos for just rock painting. You can get ideas from posts on facebook. Here is a book ["The Art of Stone Painting: 30 Designs to Spark Your Creativity"](#).

Dotting. Try out making dots. You will need dotting tools. To start out you can use items you find in the house such as straight pin heads, pencil erasers, punching tools and nail art tools. The Rock Bouquet Rocks that I make are made with dotting tools. The [Nail Art Tools can be purchased from Amazon](#). [Here is a more complete tool set to be used for dotting and slashing. It has 19 tools and a case!](#)

Seal your rocks. Now that your masterpiece is complete you will want to seal it especially if you are going to hide your rock. There are several products to use. My favorite is [Minwax, Water Based, Helmsman Spar Urethane](#). I like to use Gloss because it makes the rocks shiny. You can also use [Flex Seal Spray Rubber Sealant Coating in a spray can](#). Or [Krylon Colormaster Crystal Clear Gloss Spray Acrylic in a spray can](#). These will give you some options but make sure your rock is sealed from the outdoor elements.

Infuse your rocks. We will add a section on how to infuse your rock with love. COMING SOON! If you know Reiki, you may use the Reiki symbols to infuse your rocks. Use the love symbol to add LOVE to the rock.

Hide your rocks. Now you are ready to hide your rocks to share the LOVE. Carry rocks with you in your car and when you feel led you can hide it or give the rock to someone. I have given the rocks to serving people, someone I seeing committing a random act of kindness, family, friends or anyone else you would like.

Track your rocks. You can add pictures of your completed rocks on the Facebook page for [INFUSED PAINTED ROCKS #IPR](#). You can give hints on where you hid them and watch for them to be found! It is fun to see as your rocks are found and reported!