

# Painting Instructions

## Hello Friend!

Are you ready to paint a rock and a mini canvas? I have a few tips before you get started. Lake Agassiz Regional Library is allowing me to give you a couple videos to help you create your projects. A couple things you need to know:

1. Cover your work surface so you do not get paint on your table/desk.
2. Use the apron provided to help prevent getting paint on your clothes.
3. You will need a cup of water – you could use a Plastic Cup and set it inside a coffee mug to help keep it from tipping, Paper Towels, a recyclable plastic lid or paper plate for blending colors.
4. When you rinse your brush and before you dip your brush into the next color you will need to swish your brush into your water cup and then use a paper towel to dry your brush – if you do not dry your brush off your paint will turn into water colors and will not cover your canvas/rock very well. When you dry your brush off you always want to dry your brush gently on the paper towel. Try not to push the bristles of your brush outward or into the paper towel or your painting surface. This will cause your brush to get a wild hairdo and it will be harder to paint nice lines with.

## Rock Painting:

To get started, you should take a walk to find your perfect rock. Make sure if it is in someone's yard that you ask for permission to have the rock. The rock should be between 1 and 2 inches. Wash the rock and allow to dry for 24 hours.

You can paint your rock into a pet rock, kindness rock or make it a paper weight for yourself, parents, or grandparents. You decide what you would like to do with it. Make sure to cover your paints back up and wash out your brushes to use on your next project. I will include a few painted rocks below, but you can have a parent or caregiver help you look up other simple painted rocks to follow as well. Have fun with your creations!

I've shared some examples of painted rocks to the right, but you can have a parent or caregiver help you look up other simple painted rocks to follow as well.





### Mini Canvas Painting: Rainbow Birch 4x4 Mini Painting Instructions

1. Paint stripes of color in Rainbow order in nice thin coats, it's better to add layers then to have thick splotches that will take longer to dry. After painting background allow to dry. If the colors blend a little that is ok. (Pause Video Here until painting is dry)
2. Once dry use your flat brush to paint birch trees.
3. Using your detail brush add little football shaped leaves in different colors to the edges of your trees.
4. Using the wrong end of your detail brush mix a little of your green and a dab of yellow to make lime green. Wipe off end of brush.
5. Use your detail brush to make little black lines.
6. Then using the opposite end of your detail brush make little dots of yellow. Wipe off end of brush.
7. Cover your paint back up and wash your brushes so you can have to create again another day.

I hope you have enjoyed these projects. Have a great summer!

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