

ROCK PAINTING



Materials:

- Acrylic Paint (red and black)
- Paintbrush (assorted medium to fine tips)
- Permanent Marker (black)
- River Rocks (palm size)
- Scissors
- Tape, Masking

Instructions:

1. Wash rocks in warm soapy water.
2. Let rocks dry.
3. Paint rocks red and let them dry. It may take up to four hours or overnight.
4. Place a piece of masking tape about $\frac{1}{3}$ rd of the way onto the rock, creating the head. Press tape only on the side you are painting.
5. Paint the head black. Leave the tape in place until dry.
6. Lightly press two strips of masking tape from the head down the length of the ladybug's back. Leave a thin space ($\frac{1}{8}$ " to $\frac{1}{4}$ ") between them.
7. Paint a black stripe between the two pieces of tape. Leave the tape in place until dry.
8. Paint or draw with permanent marker three or four spots on each side of the ladybug's back.
9. Sign your name along the side or on the bottom.
10. Spray ladybug (top, bottom, and sides) with clear acrylic spray.
11. Clean your brushes in water.

Helpful Hints:

1. Select smooth oval or rounded river rocks.
2. Use larger rocks for larger ladybugs.
3. Let rocks dry completely before going onto the next step.
4. Masking tape creates clean and even lines.

