



Nature stones are a creative and easy activity come rain or shine.



Nature stones can be used to label areas or plants in the garden, on a vegetable patch or can be painted as key characters or elements of a story. The possibilities are endless!

## What you'll need

- Small stones, smooth ones work best
- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrushes
- Markers or posca pens for detail (optional)

## What to do/instructions:

1. First you need to find your stones! You can hunt for these in a local wood, park, or greenspace or even your garden. Make sure you are not removing any stones from places where people may wish to keep them.
2. Paint one side or all your stone a base colour. This colour will depend on what you what you want to use your stones for.
3. Wait for your base layer to dry and then you can add more colour on top or draw on your stone with a marker pen to make faces or other details.
4. Wait for all the pen and paint on your stones to dry and then your stones are ready to go outside.

## How you can use your stones

- If you are growing vegetables, fruit or flowers in your garden you could use your stones to help label the areas.
- You could a collection of woodland animals and create a story about the woodland they live in.
- Simply use the stones to make some of your favourite animals.
- Decorated stones can make a lovely gift for friends and family.
- Make decorative stones using spots, stripes or stars- whatever you like!

**We would love to see your creations! Share your photos with us on Instagram or twitter /cityoftreesmcr**



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