

How to make awesome Turtley Rock Art with Kids



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Required Materials:

- Smooth-surfaced rocks (this could be paving or garden bedrocks).
- Acrylic paints - available from most budget stores (e.g. Reject Shop).
- Paint palette - available from an art supply or budget stores.
- Paint brushes (suitable for acrylic paint) - available from art supply or budget stores.
- Glass jar without lid - a recycled empty pasta sauce or jam jar would work perfectly or could be purchased from budget stores.
- Finally, a can of artist matt spray to seal the paint and allow the kids to take home their artwork.



Cleaning paint brushes with acrylic paint: [visit this blog](#) with tips to clean paint brushes with acrylic paint.



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Organising the Activity:

1. Ensure you have all the necessary materials.
2. Find a suitable elevated spot for the kids to paint on. This could be a table or any other elevated surface suitable to place the rocks and paint materials.
3. Open this opportunity to both kids and parents so that everyone can enjoy this fun activity together.
4. Have posters or printed sheets with images of freshwater turtle species (of local turtle species if known), including any basic information about their biology or anatomy. This way, the kids can learn while participating in a fun activity.
5. If possible, place the rocks in random spots around the room to allow the kids to go looking for them and select a rock they like.
6. The idea is to use their own creativity to turn the rock into a turtle with colours and design stemming from their own inspiration.
7. Allow a good amount of time to enable the kids to paint.
8. When finished, display all the rock art together for some awesome photo opportunities.
9. If you have a can of artist matt spray, apply a coat on the painted rocks and allow about 20 minutes to dry. Apply the coat away from the kids in a well ventilated area as the scent of the spray is quite strong.
10. You may also wish to provide stickers or stamps for each completed turtle rock art or promote this as a competition with the best three awarded with a prize.

Keen to enhance their learning?

Share interesting facts about Australian freshwater turtles such as where are they found, their diet, role in the ecosystem, current threats and what can be done to help them.



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Other engagement tips

1. Share interesting facts about Australian freshwater turtles such as where are they found, their diet, role in the ecosystem, current threats and what can be done to help them.
2. If you are sharing facts about turtles, get the kids to share one or two facts that they found fascinating.
3. If you are sharing the photos to your Facebook page, please include our program hashtags - #1millionturtles, #1MT, #turtlerockart
4. Actively encourage the parents or participants to share their photos and use the hashtags too.
5. As kids are involved, ensure you have photo permission forms and pens available for parents to sign (if needed). Or they may opt to post pictures that do not show the faces or any other features that can be used for identification.
6. If parents and participants are keen to get involved in freshwater turtle conservation efforts, please encourage them to download TurtleSAT (a mobile citizen science App available for FREE via Google Play or Apple App store). They may also wish to visit our website - <https://1millionturtles.com>.
7. If you would like us to add any photos to our 'Turtle Rock Art' gallery on our website, please email the images to 1millionturtles@1millionturtles.com



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