

Summer of Creativity

Story Stones

with Ignite Imaginations artist, Helen

Create your very own story stones and then use them as inspiration to retell your favourite tales or make up brand new ones

In this session you will learn multiple ways to create your very own story stones

What you will need

- Pebbles from nature or Craft Painting Stones
- Permanent Markers, Sharpies or Felt tips
- Paint and Paintbrush
- Glue (Pritt Stick or PVA)
- Scissors
- Images from Newspapers and Magazines
- Shop-bought or home-made stencils (optional)
- Tape (optional)



Helen's top tip:

When decorating your story stones, try to do a mix of places, characters and objects to make your stories really interesting

Step-by-Step Instructions - Making your Story Stones

Ignite Imagination's advise that this activity should be carried out under the supervision of an adult.

1) Go to your garden/ yard, the park or other public spaces to gather some stones or pebbles. (*Always ask Permission when collecting stones*) Choose smooth flattish ones. Wash them well with soapy water and allow to dry.

2) While your pebbles dry have a think about what designs you would like to put on your pebbles; a superhero? a monster? a unicorn? a heart? a treasure chest? or it could be one of your favourite characters from a book or TV show.

There are several ways to decorate your pebbles which are great for play and storytelling. Below are the examples that you can see in the video.



3) Permanent Markers, Sharpies or Felt Tips and Paints:

Ask an adult for help when using permanent markers

Outline your design with the pen then either colour or paint them in. Add touches of paint, for example the red flag or green grass on the castle in the video.

If you can't find a pebble that is the colour you want then you can always use paint to change the colour of your pebble with a base coat. In the video Helen uses this technique to make her pink pig.

4) Decoupage: (cutting out and sticking a picture on)

Cut out images from old magazines, packaging, photographs, fabric ...apply some of the PVA glue to the wrong side of the image and smooth it onto a pebble. When stuck smooth over some more PVA glue to seal your image and make it more durable.

5) Stencil:

Cut out a shape from the card, or from a magazine image so that the shape is a gap in the card or paper to make your own stencil. Hold this onto your pebble and apply the paint or pen inside the stencil.

6) Let your pebbles dry well before you play with them.

7) Make up stories using your story stones to help with a beginning, middle and end. You could also make scenes for your story stones outside with chalk, draw on card to make background scenery and/or other props.

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