

ROCK ART

Decorate pebbles in bright colours & patterns. Take them to a care home and put them in the garden. They will become little patches of colour and friendship when the residents look out of their windows!

Equipment needed

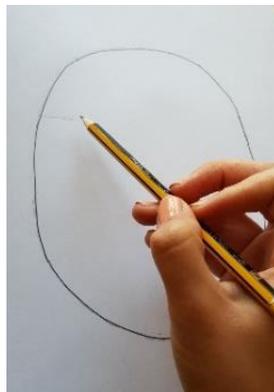
- Medium to large pebbles
- Brightly coloured paints – acrylic paints are great, but normal poster paint will do
- Acrylic metallic paint pens - optional
- Varnish

Method

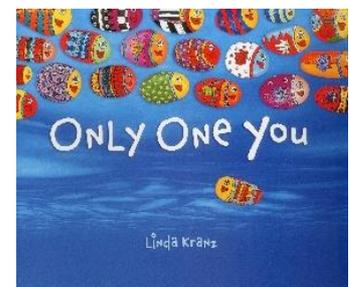
1. Find a suitable rock or pebble! If you have a garden, there might be one in there or you could look for one when you are outside on a walk.



2. On a piece of paper, create a design for your pebble. Have a look at the pictures here for some ideas. Remember that bright colours and simple designs work best – anything too complicated can be really fiddly on a pebble!



You may also want to read the book 'Only One You' by Linda Kranz. This book is full of wisdom for navigating the world around us. Your pebble could be based around some of the characters in the book.



- Use the paints to create the design on your pebble. You might need to paint one side and leave it to dry before turning over and painting the other side. Make sure you cover the surface with old newspapers or a plastic bag to protect them from spills. If you can, paint your pot outside where it won't matter as much if paint gets spilt!



- When the paint is dry, you could add small details to your design using a black pen if you want to.



- When the paint is dry, ask an adult to help you to varnish your pebble. This will protect the paint, even when it rains. Varnish can be tricky to open and can be dangerous if it's not used properly, so ask an adult to help you.



- Take your pebble to your chosen care home and put it in the garden amongst the flowers. Alternatively, you could put it in the garden of a neighbour who is self-isolating. Remember to ask an adult to accompany you.



- Lots of pebbles all together look great, so encourage your friends to do the same!