



# Painted Rocks

Let's paint rocks to celebrate Paint a Rock Hide a Rock Day happening on July 24th. This month's Teen-To-Go features the simple design of a red heart on a blue rock. Started by rock painter Nancy Powell Pierson in 2018, the blue color represents the world and the red heart stands for the kindness of hiding a rock to bring joy to whoever finds it.



**Step 1:** Gather your supplies. You should have acrylic paints in red, white, and blue, a paint brush, and a container of mod podge. You may also need a cup of water to clean your brush.

**Step 2:** Begin by painting your rock white. This will the other colors more vibrant. You may need a few layers of white. Allow to dry a few minutes before adding the next white layer. Clean your brush before moving onto the next step.

**Step 3:** After your white layers have dried to the touch, add a blue layer or two. Clean your brush before moving onto the next step.

**Step 4:** After your blue layer has dried to the touch, add your red heart. Your design can be as elaborate or simple as you wish. Clean your brush before moving onto the next step.

**Step 5:** Allow your painted rock to completely dry. Once dry, use the mod podge to seal the paint keeping your rock protected from the outside elements.



**Step 6:** When the painted rock is complete and dry, find a place to "hide" it for others to find and enjoy.