

# ROCK PAINTING

## A SERVE QUICK GUIDE



## THE IDEA

Paint rocks with colorful designs and uplifting messages. Then hide them around town for people to find and be encouraged by. This is a great way for children, families, small groups, and more to get involved and have fun spreading kindness.

## SUPPLIES NEEDED

- 20 lb bag of stones (can be found at Home Depot, Lowe's, or local hardware stores)
- Acrylic paints
- Paint Brushes
- Blow Dryers
- Power Strips and Extension Cords
- Napkins or Wet Wipes
- Paint Pens (POSCA is a great brand. Extra fine or medium tip)
- Spray sealant (Rust-Oleum Painters Touch 2X Ultra Cover Clear Gloss is recommended)
- Table(s)
- Disposable Table Cloth(s)
- Paper Plates
- Solo Cups

## VOLUNTEER ROLES

- Prep Team to gather supplies, wash stones, prep paint coat, and set up paint stations
- Paint team to make colorful, uplifting designs
- Team to hide and place stones around town for people to find.

## THE WIN

*My brother was killed in 2011 with a large rock. It broke me to the core when this happened and ever since I've hated hearing about or seeing rocks. I was told about a story involving a man finding a rock and was lead to my church at Hope City in Houston TX. Ever since I've had the idea in the back of my head and on Serve Day, I got together with my family and started painting rocks. I asked my husband to take a picture of us while we were working on this. As I was about to post the photo on my social media it hit me! "I'm taking something that caused so much pain and turning it around for the better!" My hope is to continue this project and help random people in my city have a brighter day.*

## STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS

*(Pre-Outreach)*

- Rinse rocks
- Paint stones in a white base coat (to help colors pop)
- Use blow dryer to speed up drying process
- Cover tables in disposable table cloths
- Set Up Paint Stations

*(During Outreach)*

- Let volunteers choose a stone
- Have them write a group hashtag or social media handle on the bottom of their stone as a fun way to follow the journey and connect with finders
- Paint a colorful, encouraging design on the top of each stone
- Once designs are complete, dry with blow dryers.
- Spray with sealant
- Go out to hide stones around town for people to find and be surprised with kindness.