



Forest Friday:
Painted Rocks
and
Story Creation



Materials:

- 1) Paint- Many Colors
- 2) Paint Brushes
- 3) Rocks



Instructions:

- Go for a walk! Collect rocks that interest you. They may be smooth, small, large, rough, cracked, etc.
- Bring them home and paint them. Your rocks can be painted as a ladybug, a tomato, a frog, a magical wand, a happy/sad/mad face, etc. Make a bunch!
- Wait for them to dry, and place them in a pile. (A bag or bucket would be perfect.)
- Taking turns, let each member of your household pick a rock without looking and create a sentence that includes the image painted. Have the next person make their sentence related to the last, but remember to include their rocks image in the story.
- See what silly or creative stories you can come up with!



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There once was a magic wand that was lost at the bottom of a pond. It waited there for years, hoping to be discovered. This very special wand granted wishes!

One day, a ladybug was flying over the pond, when she noticed something strange at the bottom.

She called to her friend, "Frog! Oh, Frog! Won't you come here?" "Yes?," asked Frog. "Can you see what that strange stick is at the bottom of the pond?," asked Ladybug. "Of course!," said Frog as he dived deep.



Frog pulled the wand up from the ground and placed it on the shore... Just then Raccoon was walking by. He laid down next to Frog and Ladybug and groaned. "Ugh! I am so hungry, all I want is a juicy ripe tomato!"



Just then the wand began to quiver and shake, the ground started to rumble and all three friends ran, hopped, and flew behind a bush to watch in safety.

After the rumbling stopped, ladybug was the first to come out from behind the bush. In front of the strange stick was a huge plant, never there before. On the very top was a juicy and ripe tomato.



Run out of
rocks? Create
an ending!