

# Nature activities for neighborhoods, yards and other outdoor spaces

## *Nature art.*

### Rock painting

**Materials: 1-2 rocks, paint (any type of paint will do), paintbrushes, sponges, or fingers to dip in paint**

1. Find a rock that you like.
2. Adorn it with paint! Be as creative as you want, taking the time to paint tiny details or do big swaths of color. You can use a paintbrush, sponge, or your fingers to paint with.
3. Let the paint dry, and decorate your room or garden with your new rock friend!



#### Tips:

- You can start with a base coat for your rock by painting it white, black, or another color of your choice before painting your design
- When you're done, spray your rock with a rock sealer to preserve your rock.

### Sound drawing

**Materials: Paper, drawing utensil of your choice**

What do the sounds of your neighborhood look like? Grab your favorite drawing tools and some paper and let your ears go to work.

1. Listen from different places, like your front porch or bedroom window, or at different times of day. This may create an entirely different sound cloud of all the noises that make up the rhythm of your neighborhood.
2. On your piece of paper, draw the sounds you hear. If you hear multiple sounds at once, take note of what they look like and go back and sketch them out in greater detail later.
3. Hang up your masterpiece to keep forever or turn your piece of art into a card and share the story of your sounds with a friend!