

## Random Acts of Art for Your Community

Sharing art with your community is a great way to show love! Make your own sidewalk chalk alternative, become a rock painting poet, and create a nature monster! These fun experiences can help kids understand & experience emotions while forming meaningful relationships with people around them.



### How-to video

<https://youtu.be/XlX5mN7RnMI>

### DIY Sidewalk paint

#### Materials:

- Cornstarch
- Water
- Food coloring
- Small bowls or muffin tin
- Something to paint with

1. Mix together equal parts of cornstarch and water until smooth and divide your mixture into different small bowls or cups in a muffin tin.
2. Add food coloring little by little to each bowl until you get your desired colors.
3. Use a foam paintbrush or anything you're okay getting dirty to paint your chalk on the sidewalk. You can create different hopscotch activities or games for your neighbors, write out encouraging notes, or create bright pops of art.



## **2. Rock painting**

### **Materials:**

- **Rocks**
- **Non-toxic paint**

1. Paint your rocks! Try to think of different ways you can combine your rocks to make larger creatures or write different words on each rock and encourage people to create their own poetry.
2. Place clusters of rocks in safe spaces around your neighborhood.

## **3. Nature Sculptures**

### **Materials:**

- **Leaves and twigs and natural things!**

1. Imagine the type of creature you want to create. What shape will they be? Will they have eight arms? Are their ears big? Maybe even draw out what you'd like your creature to look like.
2. Challenge yourself to use only natural materials to create what you imagined. If the end result looks different than your original design, that's okay too!
3. Place your creatures around your neighborhood! Maybe even pair them up with your rock paintings.

### **Reflection questions**

Which project was your favorite?

Which project was the most challenging?

What else do you think you could do to safely connect with your community?