

'Our Family Rocks!' Art Activity Supply List

1. Time: to go for a rock-gathering walk (about 30 minutes to 1 hour), to glue your project together (about 1 hour), to let it dry (at least 24 hours)
2. A firm piece for a background: a piece of cardboard, very heavy paper, or a thin wooden board cut to a size that will fit in a frame. (3x5, 5x7, 8x11, 11x14 are all common sizes.) A frame to fit your project if you have one but it is not necessary
3. Glue: wood glue is best, craft glue is good, school glue is ok. Don't be afraid to use lots of glue as it dries clear. Hot glue gun and glue sticks are also good. School glue sticks will not work.
4. A tray to work in. An old cookie sheet or shallow cardboard box works well. This makes your project easy to move and gives your project a place to drip and dry
5. Small, flat pebbles of various sizes for the people and pets
6. A branch or more rocks for a base
7. A fine tip black marker to write and draw details
8. Our video showing you how to complete the project (southridgefellowship.ca/blog). Or the instruction sheet

'Our Family Rocks!' Art Activity Instructions

1. Plan to have fun! When doing art with children the goal is the process not so much the product!
2. Plan how many rocks, and what shapes and sizes you need. For example, for a simple person you need a small round pebble for the head and a large oblong or oval for the body. For pets you also need triangular rocks for ears etc.
Example: a family of 4 needs 4 heads, 4 bodies. If you have a dog you need an extra head, body and triangular ears
3. Go for a walk and gather rocks and a stick. Keep in mind how big your project is and gather rocks that will fit. Smaller, flat rocks work best. Scale your rocks according to the size of the people in your family
4. Plan an arrangement. Lay it out on your board. Make sure rocks lean against each other for a cozy, close look. If you have a frame make sure your design fits in the frame. You might not be able to put the glass on the frame after gluing the rocks on
5. Use glue to attach the rocks to your board. Wood glue is the best option for a long lasting project but it takes time to dry. Glue gun glue is the fastest for drying but does not always bond well. School glue is not the best option but if you have nothing else it will do. Leave to dry for 24 hours or until completely dry
6. Use marker to write names, date, quotes and draw details if you like
7. Wrap and present to your mom on Mother's Day!