



Materials for Painted Rock Photo Holder:

Rocks or stones

Acrylic paints in various colors and paintbrushes

A sealant- like Mod Podge or Krylon Satin Finish

Craft or floral wire

Beads

Bead tools like wire cutter and pliers

Directions for Painted Rock Photo Holder:

1. Start by washing your rocks with water and letting them dry completely.
2. Set up an area to paint your rocks or stones. You can use newspaper to cover your table.
3. Depending on the darkness of your rocks, you might want to paint them white first so

3. you'll have a nice, blank canvas to work with. We painted ours with white acrylic paint and let them dry.
4. Use various colors of acrylic paint and get busy creating. You can paint designs, mandalas, pictures, flowers, just about anything on your rocks. We like to use various sized paintbrushes and even cotton

4. swabs to make dots.

5. Once your rocks have dried completely, it's a good idea to seal them with a sealant. We usually use Mod Podge or Krylon Satin Finish.

6. The next day after the sealant has had a chance to dry completely, it's time to add the wire to your rock. There are various gauges

6. of wire available and any will work as long as you make sure the wire you choose will fit through your selected beads. For our photo holders, we used 20 gauge wire.

Take the end of the wire and hold it on top of the rock. Wrap the wire around the rock one time (sometimes you have to be creative and pick which directions will hold the wire best).

Twist the wire together with your fingers first and then carefully tighten with pliers so the wire doesn't slip off.

1. Cut the wire so you have about 7-8 inches left sticking straight up from your rock.
2. String beads onto the wire until you have about 3 inches left at the top.
3. Now it's time to create the loop to hold the

3. photo. Take a Sharpie or thicker marker, and wrap the remaining wire around it securely about 2-3 times until it reaches the beads. Use your pliers to adjust the loop so it's sticking up straight.

4. Place a photo in the loop for display.