

## How to...



# Make pebble holders

These hand-painted pebble holders are fun and easy to make. All you need is some big pebbles, wire and paint to create holders to display messages, reminders or even your favourite photos from the summer. They also make lovely presents for friends and family.

### What you need

- Paper or protective sheet
- Pebbles
- Paint (different colours)
- Brushes (one thick, one thin)
- A ruler
- Thin, bendy wire or pipe cleaners
- Scissors
- Sticky tape (if needed)

### TOP TIP

The length of the wire you need will depend on the size of the pebbles you want to use. As a rough guide, use 80cm of wire for a 6cm to 8cm pebble. For larger pebbles, you will need around 100cm of wire or longer.



### SEA POWER

Pebbles on the beach are rocks that have been rounded and polished over time by the waves.

**1** Clear and prepare a work surface. Cover the surface with paper or a plastic sheet to protect it from paint. Choose some pebbles and place them on your surface with your paints and brushes. Brush paint over each pebble with a base colour. Leave to dry.



**2** Think about a design for your pebble. It could be a pattern, an animal or a word. Using the thin brush, carefully paint your design onto the pebble. Remember to clean and dry the brush before using different colours of paint. Leave to dry.



**3** Measure 80cm of wire using a ruler, then use scissors to cut it. Ask an adult to help with this bit. Take the painted pebble, wrap the wire around it, then twist the wire all the way to the top. If the wire slips off the pebble, fix it underneath with a piece of sticky tape.



**4** Wrap the end of the wire around your fingers to make two or three loops at the top. Press the loops tightly together so they are flat. Your pebble holder is ready! Now add a photo, picture or note to your holder and place it on your desk. Or why not make another one?



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