

## Rock Cactus



Throughout the year the Desert Cabaleros Western Museum hosts several family events. We wanted to share with you one of our favorite projects from the spring of 2019, rock cactus.

Learn how to make a rock cactus.



### Supplies

- River rock
- Small rock, gravel, potting soil or dirt
- Planter
- Acrylic paint or paint pens
- Paint brushes
- Painting tray or paper plate
- Cup for water
- Plastic tablecloth or covering
- Wear old clothes, painting shirt or apron

### Optional

- Tissue paper
- Scissors
- Glue

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**Step 1:** Select rocks for your project suited for the size of your planter. Oblong, egg-shaped or round rocks work best.

**Step 2:** Rinse with water to clean off debris.

**Step 3:** Paint the rock. If you already like the color of the rock, you can skip this step.



**Step 4:** Make a dot at each end of the rock and begin painting lines from one end of the rock to the other, representing ridges on a cactus. Some cacti are flat and round. For instance if you want your cactus to look like a prickly pear, you can skip this step.

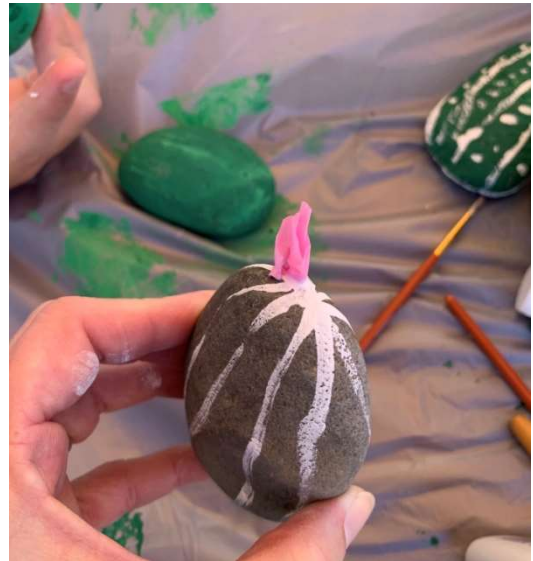
**Step 5:** Add dots, dashes or check marks to represent the spines on a cactus.





**Step 6:** (Optional) Cut small triangles or circles of tissue paper. Pinch or roll to make a flower. Glue on the rock.

**Step 7:** Fill some small rock, gravel, potting soil or dirt into the bottom of your planter. Arrange your rocks standing vertically. Continue adding material to stabilize the rock.



Once complete, you have a plant that will never need water!

