

Rock 'n' Bead Photo Holder

Embellish a rock with paint, wire, and beads to create a photo or note holder.

You will need:

- Smooth river/craft rock (about 3" in size) with a flat bottom
- Wire (18-gauge, about 18" long)
- Assortment of beads with holes to fit wire size
- Acrylic paint (colors of choice)
- Paintbrushes
- (Optional) Paint markers
- 7/8"-wide king-size Sharpie marker (any color)
- Wire cutters
- Needle-nose pliers
- Disposable palette (foam/plastic plate or plastic lid)



Print a [picture of some completed photo holders](#) to show crafters. Post a copy on your bulletin board to create interest in the activity.

Directions:

1. Paint your rock a solid color. Set aside to dry. (The bottom doesn't need painted.)



2. Add additional paint in an assortment of colors to create simple designs as shown on the previous page. Use a thin brush or paint markers for small details. Set aside to dry.
 3. Cut an 18" piece of wire. Wrap about 6" of one end around the center of the rock. Use needle-nose pliers to twist the wires together on top of the rock as shown in the center photo on the previous page. Twist a couple of times close to the surface of the rock. **Note:** If you twist too much, you won't be able to slide beads all the way down.
 4. Position the long piece of wire straight up, making it as vertical as possible. Then cut off the excess shorter wire as close to the twist as possible.
 5. String beads onto the long, vertical wire until 4" to 6" of wire is covered with beads.
 6. To make a hoop-shaped clip, wrap the wire above the last bead around the barrel of a king-size marker. Wrap the wire around twice as shown in the right-hand photo on the previous page. Cut off the excess wire.
 7. Place a photo, note, or small card in between the two wire hoops as shown in our example.
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