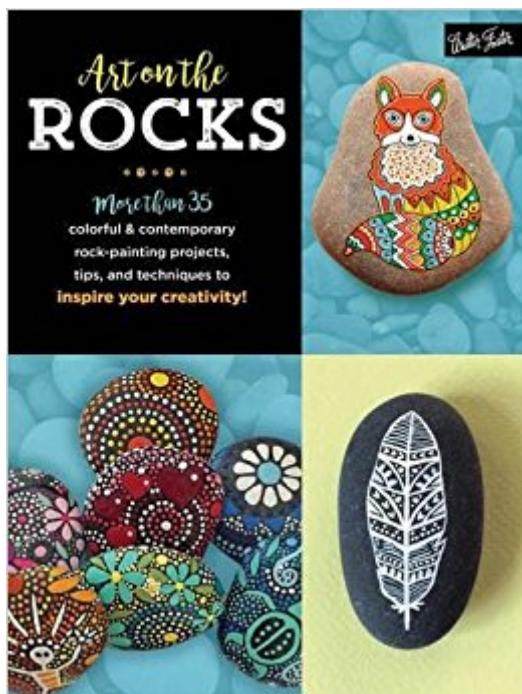


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# Art On The Rocks: More Than 35 Colorful & Contemporary Rock-painting Projects, Tips, And Techniques To Inspire Your Creativity!



## Synopsis

Packed with creative ideas, step-by-step projects, and endless inspiration, Art on the Rocks offers a colorful, modern approach to rock painting. Following an overview of how to gather and prepare your rocks, as well as a basic review of the tools and materials necessary for each project, three talented rock-painting artists demonstrate a range of contemporary designs featuring patterns, animals, mandalas, and more. Each project includes easy-to-follow instructions and invites creativity and originality, encouraging readers to sit back, relax, and develop their own unique Art on the Rocks.

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## Customer Reviews

Artist F. Sehnaz Bac is celebrated for her radiantly colorful and charming painted stones, which she sells on Etsy as I Sassi Dell'Adriatico (The Adriatic Stones). Sehnaz has more than 550,000 Facebook followers. She lives in Alba Adriatica, Italy, a small town on the Adriatic Sea. Artist and illustrator Marisa Redondo works primarily with watercolors and oils. Most of her work is nature inspired. Art has always been her greatest love. Growing up in the heart of San Diego, drawing was how she found a calm balance in the busy city. Currently based in Northern California, Marisa is fascinated by nature's creations and the little pieces of life that often go unnoticed, from the fine lines of feathers to the spores of a dandelion. Through watercolor she explores the organic patterns and intricate details impressed on everything from the earth. Her paintings are a mix of the modern city she came from and the natural land where she now live. Learn more at [riverlunaart.com](http://riverlunaart.com). Talented artist Margaret Vance paints beautifully vibrant and colorful rock art full of intricate detail and pattern. As in nature, no two

painted stones are alike. Each stone and its design is unique. Margaret works with each stone's shape, size, and texture to create a singular mix of art and nature. Learn more at [etherealandearth.com](http://etherealandearth.com).

One of the duller and less inspired of the rock painting books and tutorials out there. The book focuses more on copying their relatively less inspired designs than 'how to' paint rocks. As far as the how to goes, You Tube provides terrific videos. Look up tools for rock painting mandalas on you tube (even if you don't want to paint a mandala) and you'll get better information than this book provides. I consider it a waste of money.

If I can give it more stars I would. Love this book. Can't wait to paint some of these designs on the rocks

Nice quality book. Great instructions. Fun ideas!

I received this book as a gift and love it! It has work and instructions by 3 different artists, so there was a variety of styles and projects. Instructions were detailed and the steps were easy to follow. I loved that the book was not just a basic set of instructions but it had a lot of hints and tips on materials, technique, and color selection to help you go beyond the projects and develop your own style. It's a large, quality book with thick paper and beautiful detailed photos. I'll add more photos as I paint more rocks using the instructions in the book. There is so much material here that I will be painting for a while. Highly recommended.

Art on the Rocks: More than 35 colorful & contemporary rock-painting projects, tips, and techniques to inspire your creativity! by F. Sehnaz Bac , Margaret Vance, and Marisa Redondo is fabulous! I have had other rock painting books but none that had so much variety, that were so cute/pretty, and had step by step instructions. The first part of the book gives you instructions on the methods, materials, tips you will need. Then for each rock, it covers the different methods, paint, step by step instructions with pictures, and final result. There are such a variety of rocks they have for the reader to paint, the different methods, the ways to seal the paint, it is so informative and looks like fun for the whole family. There are so many pictures in here, you won't get lost and the pictures are outstanding! I am grateful to NetGalley and the book publisher for allowing me to read this wonderful book! It truly is a beautiful and informative book!

My disclaimer due to rules: I was gifted a free electronic copy of this book, via Netgalley, by the publisher. I am not obligated, nor being forced, to post a review. I am doing it of my own free will as I enjoy reviewing. On advice from, and based on their emailed reply I can say "My review is given voluntarily and the Author/publisher does not require a review in exchange for the book, or attempt to influence my review." I would like to thank Quarto Publishing Group and Walter Foster for providing me with a free electronic ARC of this book, via Netgalley, in exchange for an open and honest review. Don't let my mid-range score make you think this is a mediocre book as it is not! It was, however a hard electronic ARC to read (kept freezing and glitching) and, to be honest, there are so many good books, Pinterest sites and blogs on rock art right now and unfortunately I didn't feel it was "Art on the Rocks" stood out enough to get more than an average score. But, again, this isn't me saying it wasn't any good. It was great and some of the art designs are divine - I even went out and bought paints and brushes to try some. When I find the right rocks - but, as said, there is a LOT of media out there right now on rock painting and there needed to just be that little extra spark in there to make it stand out. And it wasn't there. However, from another book on rock painting I have read, I need to say that F. Sehnaz Bac is an artist I now greatly admire and do so love her art and style. That fox on the front cover is great. And the instructions within the book - I MUST try that! What a talent! What was the book all about? Well, rock painting - duh! But it didn't just cover how to paint on rocks, "Art on the Rocks" teaches techniques too. From what materials (including rocks) you should source, through to the best paints, brushes, pens and inks to use. There is not only an introductory section that covers this, but each rock design continues the lesson explaining the best techniques and tools to use to achieve the final piece. Because of this, I felt the book excellent for all levels of painters from beginners through to people just wanting to fine tune their techniques. "Art on the Rocks" also covers different styles of painting from animals, mandalas to nature and petroglyphs. Don't forget to read up on the artists who took the time to make the book! For the formal side of things - format, layout, etc. - the book is well constructed, easy to read and each section and design is set out in manner that makes it easy to follow while reading or, as my daughter found out, while replicating the design. Hers isn't finished so I can share a pic, sorry! All in all it was a fantastic book that not only teaches techniques and painting, but

is full of projects to try, to inspire and to encourage the painter to branch out and try something new. Would I recommend this book to others? Yes I would. As, it's good. Yes I have just said it's not above average but I am perfectly imperfect so have the right to now recommend it as, quite frankly, I love the designs and styles within it. And I would recommend it to anyone - of any artistic level - to read, try and buy. Though will say this isn't a book for little kids. I'd let my 10 and 12 year olds have a go, but they are above average in their abilities and have had their work displayed in galleries but, yeah, parent's discretion as to whether your child is ready for this. I personally see it as being more for the late teens to adults who have better co-ordination skills with brush and pen. Would I buy this book for myself? I might. But to be honest I'd much rather borrow it from a library first. How cruel of me I know! But basically, I would want to borrow it and try it out a few times before deciding whether I was good enough to try and do rock art all the time and not just as a passing hobby. If I was to take it up as a permanent way to relax and unwind then yes, this is indeed the book I would buy. In summary: a great book that doesn't just teach designs to paint, but techniques too.

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**Rating:** 5 Stars  
Having seen these beautiful art forms elsewhere I was thrilled though have the opportunity to examine this book to see how it is done. Walking around the creeks and streams on our property there are plenty of rocks to practice on. This book offers plenty of easy to follow instructions on what to look for and how to prepare the stones for decorating. Beautiful photos show the progress you will need to follow to create the beautiful stones. So many decorating uses for these works of art are both indoors and out. My rating for "Art on the Rocks" is 5 out of 5 stars. I would have given it more if I could.

Thank you to NetGalley and Walter Foster Publishing for an advanced reader copy of this book in exchange for an unbiased review. This book is a very detailed guide for rock painting. The author tells you the tools you need, where to find rocks and how to prepare them, and how to finish them with varnish. The author is also very informative with step by step directions on how to paint designs

ranging in difficulty from beginner to expert. Using this book you will learn how to paint beautiful mandalas and other artwork on smooth rocks of any shape. Art on the Rocks is filled with gorgeous photography of inspiring artwork.

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