

## Pebble cactus rock garden:

You will need:

pebbles, acrylic paint, paintbrushes of different thicknesses, pva glue, spray sealer if you want to display your cacti outdoors, plant pot of choice



1/ Clean pebbles you wish to use and let them dry thoroughly before starting to paint them - place them in your plant pot to see how many you will need to paint before you start to paint them.

2/ Mix your paint so you have many different tones of green, this will make your display all the more attractive



3/ Paint the stones green - paint one side first and let it dry thoroughly before turning over to paint the reverse side. If you don't let it dry properly you risk the paint on the first side smudging when you turn the pebble over.

4/ Once all the pebbles are painted - you may need to do two coats to cover the pebble properly - you can start to paint on the pattern details.



5/ You may already have real live cacti which you are able to take pattern ideas from. If not, simply look on the internet for ideas - there are loads there.

6/ I painted a different pattern on each pebble so as to give my rock garden as much interest as possible - let the paint dry completely (overnight ideally).

7/ If you are displaying your rock garden indoors you can seal your pebbles with a mix of pva glue and water (1part glue to 1part water, then mix well) This will give your pebbles a lovely sheen and show off the colours and patterns.

8/ Lightly coat the pebbles on one side, let them dry thoroughly overnight then turn over to do the other side. Again, let them dry thoroughly before you put them in your plant pot.



9/ If, however, you intend to display your cactus rock garden outdoors, then you will need to seal it with a proper spray sealer. I would always give your pebbles at least two coats, leaving them to thoroughly dry overnight between coats.

10/ When you are completely satisfied with your pebbles, arrange them in your plant pot and display them for everyone to enjoy - you may wish to put some fine stones/slate chippings around the pebbles for added effect.