

Democracy Rocks!

We will bring these brightly colored, hand-painted rocks to Olympia and leave them with legislators as a paperweight and reminder of who they are supposed to represent.



Choosing rocks:

- Choose flat and smooth rocks, as they will be easier to paint.
- The best shape is more round, oblong, or oval.
- Pick rocks that are approximately 3-4" in size. Bigger or smaller rocks are OK, just make sure they are big enough to clearly paint or write "Democracy Rocks!" on it.
- Wash is well with plain water and let dry completely.

Paint:

- We are using **oil paint pens**, with medium and fine tips, as they work best for writing.
- **Acrylic paint pens** or **paint** also works fine.
- **Permanent Sharpies** also work fine for writing or outlining letters.
- ALL colors are OK!

Painting and Finishing:

- You don't have to paint the whole rock. You can paint a background for the lettering, or just paint on the words "Democracy Rocks!" (See examples)
- It's OK to embellish the rock with other decorations, but it's totally optional.
- Sealing the rock (optional): We recommend that you seal the rock using a **gloss or hi-gloss acrylic spray sealer**. This will protect the rock and keep the paint from chipping or rubbing off, and makes it waterproof for outdoor use. You **MUST** let the rock dry completely before sealing it.