

Weather Rock Activity

There is a way to know the weather, which is more accurate than the weather person on television.



Material Needed

- A small potato-sized rock.



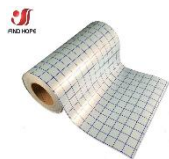
- Twine or thick yarn



- Small index card



- Adhesive contact paper (the kind cupboards may be lined with in a rolled tube). Although its called "paper," it is really a plastic like material.



- Scissors



- Hot glue gun with glue stick



Weather Rock

A dry rock -fair weather
A wet rock – rainy weather
A dusty rock – polluted air
A swaying rock – wind is blowing
A disappearing rock – foggy
A jumping up and down rock – earthquake
A white rock – it's snowing
A wet rock when the sun is shining – That darn dog!

Instructions

1. Find and wash a rock approximately the size of a small potato. The color doesn't matter and gather all the material needed.
2. Braid the twine or thick yarn leaving a loop at the top to act as a hanger. About $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way down, place the rock snugly against the last braid made, and continue a braid around the rock as seen in the picture. Make the fit snug enough to hold the rock, especially to handle windy days.
3. At the bottom of the braid, make a knot and cut off the twine or yarn. To cover the knot, wrap more twine or yarn just above the knot and let the end fall to about 2-3 inches. Separately, cut about 20 pieces of twine or yarn, measuring slightly longer than the end falling below the knot. To make the frill at the end of the weather rock, hold the pieces with the one falling below the knot with one hand, and wrap a long piece of twine or yarn snugly around the frill (multiple pieces of cut yarn). Tie off after a few wraps and hide the knot up inside the frill.
4. Using the close-up of the written part of the weather indicator, copy what is written onto the index card. Next, measure the index card and cut adhesive contact paper the same size. Do this twice to cover both the front of the card and the back. This will keep the index card dry.
5. Use the glue gun to secure the card to the top of the weather rock leaving room to use the loop at the top (the hanger).

6. Find a place outdoors to hang the weather rock making sure its close enough to read from a window.

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