

How to Make Dot-Painted Mandala Stones



What You Need

- Concrete mandala stones or other smooth stones
- Primer
- Paint (we use Resene test pots)
- Dotting tools such as:
 - Pencil erasers
 - Cotton swabs
 - The tip of a knitting needle
 - The end of wooden colouring pencils
- Any other tool that creates neat dots
- Clear sealer (optional, for outdoor display)



Instructions

Step 1: Prepare the Stones

Apply a coat of primer to your stones and allow it to dry completely. Once dry, paint the stones in your favourite base colour. We use Resene test pots for both the background colour and the dot painting.

Step 2: Plan Your Design

Allow the painted stones to dry thoroughly before starting your mandala pattern. You may wish to lightly mark the centre of the stone to help guide your design.

Step 3: Create the Dots

Dip your chosen dotting tool into the paint, making sure it has a medium amount of paint on it. Gently press the tool onto the stone to create a dot.

Continue dipping and dotting, working from the centre outward to create your mandala design. Experiment with different-sized tools and colours to achieve a beautiful pattern.

Step 4: Let the Paint Dry

Once your design is complete, leave the stone to dry thoroughly before handling.

Step 5: Seal the Finished Stone

If you plan to display your mandala stones outdoors, apply a clear sealer to help protect the paint from the weather.

Tips

Start with larger dots in the centre and use smaller dots as you work outward.

Practice your dotting technique on paper before decorating your stone.

Have fun experimenting with colours and patterns—every mandala stone will be unique!

