## How to

The largest freestanding rock is believed to be in anders, California, and is seven stories high

# Make paperweights from rocks

### What you need

- Small, smooth rocks
- Paint
- Paintbrushes
- Scissors
- Colored paper
- Recycled wrapping paper or newspaper
- Craft punches in different shapes (optional)
- Glue
- Small plate or bowl
- Acrylic matte or gloss medium (optional)

- 1. Wash your rocks with soap and water and allow them to dry completely.
- 2. To create painted paperweights, use a paintbrush to paint designs on the rocks such as hearts, rainbows, and initials. Let dry.
- 3. To decorate rocks with a paper collage, first use scissors to cut out a variety of small shapes, like hearts or rainbows, from colored or recycled paper. If you have a heart-shaped craft punch, you could also use that to make heart shapes.
- 4. Squeeze a little glue onto a plate or bowl. Use a paintbrush to brush a thin layer of glue onto the back of the paper shape and adhere it to a rock.
- 5. Once the paint or glue is dry, you may want to make your paperweights a little shiny and add a protective coating. If so, brush on a coat of acrylic matte or gloss medium. Let the rocks completely dry. Now your personalized paperweights are ready to be handed out to your family and friends as gifts!



# Mix up a crunchy snack

### Ingredients 1/2 cup creamy

- peanut butter
- 1 cup white chocolate chips
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 8 cups rice or corn Chex cereal
- 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cups powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup freeze-dried strawberries, crushed into powder
- 1 cup assorted red/ pink sprinkles and/ or other pink and red candies

### Instructions

- 1. Combine the peanut butter, white chocolate chips, and butter in a large microwave-safe bowl. Heat in microwave for 30-second intervals at 50% power, stirring after each, until melted and smooth. Stir in the vanilla.
- 2. Add the Chex cereal to mixture and toss gently to coat. Set aside and let cool for 10 minutes. Spoon half of the Chex mixture into a large zip-top bag and add 1 cup of the powdered sugar. Seal the bag and toss to coat. Let cool completely.
- **3.** In a separate zip-top bag, combine the remaining <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup powdered sugar and the crushed strawberry powder and shake to mix. Add the remaining coated Chex mixture and toss to coat in the sugar and strawberry powder mixture. Let cool completely.
- 4. Combine all the Chex cereal in a large bowl. Add the sprinkles and/or other candy and toss to combine. Makes about 9 cups.

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