



STONEY FACE MATCH

Materials you need:

- Smooth pebbles from your garden shop
- Pictures of mouths, eyes, and noses from magazines
- PVA glue, watered down a little
- Glue brushes

Setup for play:

- Wash and dry your pebbles well. Add a coat of watered down PVA glue mix using small brushes.
- Children enjoy taking part in this process and will feel connected to this resource when finished due to their input.
- Ask the children to choose the facial features to stick onto their pebbles. They will need to search for those that fit onto their pebble. Brush another coat of PVA wash over the top to seal. Leave to dry for a day in the sun.
- When completely dry the children can arrange their pebbles to make faces, like to add some dress up necklaces, material scraps and wool to extend their thinking and creativity.
- Play a game of memory and match by turning over the pebbles.

What are they learning with this activity?

As the children make their face stones and play a matching game they are learning to:

- Use hand/eye coordination skills and concentration
- Manipulate small objects using pincer movements
- Strengthen fine motor muscles, visual motor integration and control
- Work independently on a project
- Use descriptive language
- Express their ideas creatively to help make meaning
- Understand basic position concepts
- Listen to and follow directions
- Become aware of connections, similarities and differences between people
- Explore, infer, predict and problem solve

Extending the play:

- Use the stones to create different emotions by arranging different eyes and mouths
- Put out some paint and thin brushes and encourage children to paint their own rock face. Talk about different facial features they could include.
- Take the stones outside and add flowers, leaves and other items from nature to create faces on the grass.