

MAKE SOME ROCK OWLS. IT'S FUN! TWA 12

Materials

Several small rocks or pebbles
Several small twigs
6 inch by 9 inch wallpaper or art paper
6 inch by 9 inch cardboard
Permanent black felt pen
Craft glue
Small frame (optional)

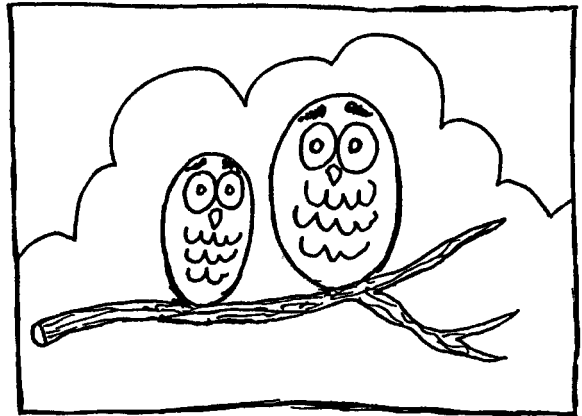


Figure A.

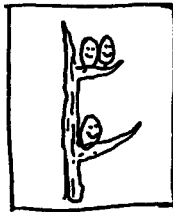
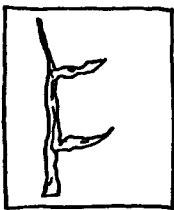
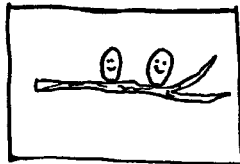
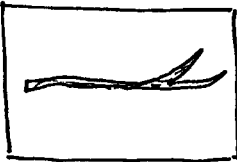


Figure B.

OR



Instructions

FIRST...
MAKE A BACKGROUND →

1. Cover cardboard with wallpaper or art paper.
2. Glue twigs(s) to background (figure A)
3. Draw faces on rocks with a permanent black felt pen.
4. Arrange rocks on twigs and glue in place (figure B)
5. Frame finished picture if you wish.

GLUE
SOME
CLOUDS
ON...
WHITE
PAPER
WILL
WORK!

Oldest Fossil Found in Michigan

The Negaunee Iron formation near Palmer in the Northern Peninsula is the home of the oldest megascopic (visible to the eye) fossil – in the world. The fossils are of a primitive, filament-like relative of algae. Scientists have determined the age of the fossils to be 2,100,000,000 (2.1BILLION) years old. These are 700 to 1000 million years older than previously found specimens from Wyoming, India and China. The specimens have been donated by the Empire Mine to the Geological Survey and Eddy Geology Center and will be on display in Lansing and Waterloo respectively.

The specimens are found in thin layer in one area of the mine. Technically the fossil is known as *Grypania cf. spiralis*, which is preserved as corkscrew-shaped or spaghetti like marks that look like a random combination of O's C's and 6's. The filaments do not branch and typically are about the size of a penny. For more information visit the website: www.deq.state.mi.us./gsd/fossil.