

ROCK LANDSCAPING

Mary Troup of Oregon found a cheerful and easy solution to liven up a colorless space along her side walkway and fence. She placed about 75 rocks that she had dug up while working on various yard projects along the sidewalk. Not colorful enough for Mary, she cleaned the rocks, painted them with a sealer and coated each with bright yellow paint. Then she gave every rock its own unique eyes and smile using black enamel paint.

She bought 200 additional rocks. She said she painted $\frac{2}{3}$ of the rocks herself and allowed neighborhood kids and visiting friends to add the rest to her collection. Two neighbors, ages 5 and 2, were especially eager to help. Kids love rocks, they like to find them and paint them. Using their imaginations they can turn rocks into lady bugs, frogs, butterflies, etc. or just put words on them for garden markers of specific flowers and plants or sayings like *my garden*, *mom's weeds*, *ant crossing*, etc.