

# Pimp your rocks!

**Make your own home mini-museum**



Every museum collects things. The Museon has over 300,000 objects in its collection! Stuffed animals, beautiful clothes, old musical instruments, archaeological finds, fossils, interesting pieces of historical apparatus and... lots and lots of rocks!

What do you collect?

Maybe you collect stones too or you just pick one up from time to time when you're out somewhere. If so, it's fun to make your own mini-museum! Of course, if you're not interested in stones, you can do it with other things, likes leaves or shells.



1. Gather together all the things you want to put in your museum.
2. Find a place in your house where you can make it. It could be a small table, a corner of your bedroom floor, an empty bookshelf... anywhere at all. Maybe you can even make it in the window, where passersby can see it!
3. If you like, you can dress it up with a cloth and, of course, it will need a signboard.
4. Your display will look nicer if you put some of the objects on blocks or stands. Find things you can use for this or make them yourself out of Lego or Duplo. In museums, sculptures are often placed on blocks. They are called 'plinths'.
5. Arrange all the stones or other objects in your collection nicely.
6. Museums usually place small information boards or 'labels' by their exhibits. You can design your own labels or use the ones on the next page. Just cut them out and fill in the information.
7. Do your stones look a bit dull? If so, you can paint or decorate them.
8. If you've got a very special stone, you could place a glass or clear plastic container over it. In a museum, we use glass display cases or 'vitrines'.



- Name:** Think up a good name.
- Origin:** This means where the object came from. It might be another country or just the garden next door.
- Description:** What is nice or special about the object? Maybe it has magical powers of some kind.
- Museum number:** Each object in a museum's collection has its own number. In museums with lots of objects, the numbers are often very long. Think of a good number.

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