

Project: "Making the IditaRock"



Here's a little project that is both fun and inexpensive, assuming you have some appropriate rocks nearby.

This fun project is intended to provide a craft that even young students can build under the supervision of an adult.

Basically, all you need is a pair of scissors, a few craft supplies, some glue and you'll be rocking down the Iditarod trail.

Gathering the rocks should be half the fun. You'll need a matched set for the dogs, so your team might be limited to the number of rocks that you can find of similar size. The more varied the color the better, since dogs come in a variety of colors and patterns. One larger rock will be needed to place on the sled, and if you want to add a little history touch, paint the sled-rock gold.

Once you pick out your "dogs" you'll need to attach the eyes, tail and ears. Cut the ears and tail out of felt (you may want to use several colors of felt for a variety) and secure them with a small dab of Elmer's Glue or a hot glue gun. The hot glue will set quicker, but should only be done with adult supervision. When these parts are dry, line them up in the order you want them and attach the ribbon for a harness.

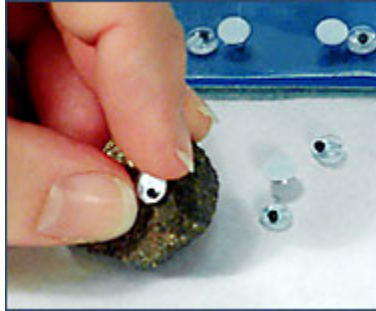


Assemble the sled from Popsicle sticks or tongue depressors, based on the size of the rock you'll be using. Once the sled has dried, attach the "dogs" and you're ready for the race.

Items you'll need from a craft store:

- Plastic eyes
- Felt

- Ribbon or shoe string
- Glue



This project was conceived by Mike Schoby and developed by Tabitha Wooden, who's mother is an elementary school teacher in South Dakota.