

## Stones - Artwork in Progress by Margaret Shaw

As I'd been asked to take some more stones into the [EVAN Gallery](#) it left my home stock a little short. Time to create some more. Decided to work on 2 butterfly stones, 2 bee stones, 2 hare stones and 2 cat stones

First job was to paint the stones with clear gesso.

2 long stones for the hares. 2 ochre stones for the cats and 4 grey stones for the bees and the butterflies.



On paper drew round the stones to enable me to work out the designs.



Once the stones had dried transferred the designs to the stones with trace down paper. Then used pastel pencils to make things clearer.



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First layers of paint in place on butterflies and bees.  
Cats and Hares silhouetted.



2<sup>nd</sup> session Hares and Cats backgrounds. Colour changes on Butterflies.



Session 3. Decided on a plain background for the bee on violet. Changed the other bee flower to orange. Lots of work on the butterflies with details and complete change of mind on the backgrounds.





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Session 4. Mottled the background on the butterflies. Lots of paint on these so plenty of drying time needs to be allowed. Added the sun halos, plants and collars on the cats with a second coat of paint on the ground. Minor adjustment to the body of the crouching cat completed these two. Mottled the flower on the lavender bee. Gave the orange bee a transparent yellow glaze on the flower. Then both bees painted with a yellow/white mix to loose their transparency. Lavendar bee seemed to have gained weight. Hares background lightened and ground painted in with light blue and white.



Session 5. Completed. Hares have features and stars painted. No changes to the Cats. Butterflies legs and feelers added. Slimmed down the lavender bee, added wings, feelers and legs. Smaller bee changed the flower to more yellow and added wings, feelers and wings.



Added to the [stones gallery](#).

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