



GET M AT HOME

→ Richard Long

Into nature!

Meet the artist
Richard Long!

Richard loves nothing more than walking in the countryside. During his walks, he completely cuts himself off from the outside world. There, he creates works of art using stones, wood and any other material he can find.



Here Richard was hiking in the mountains of Norway.
Can you see how he **made a strip of stones**?



ROLLING STONES

AN ELEGANT DAY WALK IN NORWAY 2008





How to create your own work of nature:

- Find a place in nature, for example a garden, park, forest or meadow.
- Choose a shape, for example a circle.
- Pick up some stones, wood, branches, leaves and so on.
- Now try to recreate the shape with the natural material.
- Just like Richard, take a photo of it!

Fact

Sometimes Richard takes his artworks to a museum.
Then it looks like this!



A poetic walk

Richard not only plays with stones but also likes to write during his walks. He also turns these texts into works of art.

He writes down words and phrases that tell something about the place he has been. Look here!

In large it says '**ANYWHERE**'. And under it are things he has seen, felt, heard, smelt and perhaps even tasted. It says, for example: rivers, bones, birdsong, flowers and a full moon.



Are you a poet like Richard?

Then get to work on your own **text artwork**.

- Take a walk in nature. Go to a park, for example, or your own garden.
- Take a notebook and a pencil with you.
- Use all your senses during the walk and look for answers to these questions:

- What do you see?

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- What smells do you smell?

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- What sounds can be heard?

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- Touch the trees, branches, stones and so on.
How does it feel?

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- Is there anything you can taste?

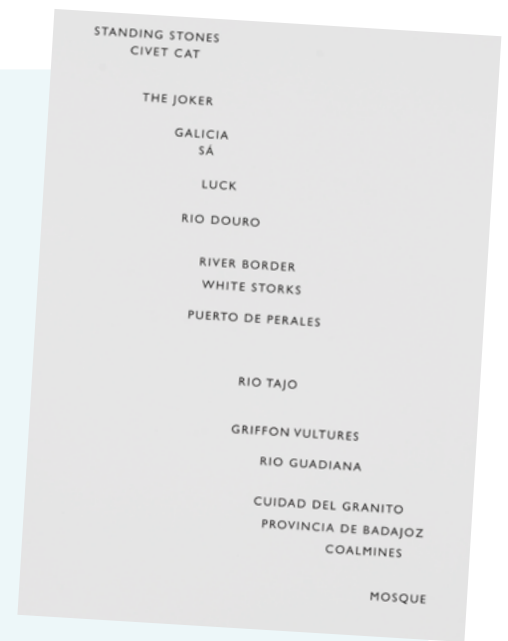
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Back home?

Now use one or more of these words to create your own text artwork. Take a sheet of paper or draw it below. Think carefully about how and where you are going to write the letters and words. Make it a real work of art, just like Richard.



Here he also makes a sort of staircase with the words. What shape are you hiding in your work of art?



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