



This issue really rocks! Learn what is so special about a pretty ordinary looking stone, make a yummy treat to share, and exercise your creativity by decorating rocks and stones from your yard.

## THE STONE OF DESTINY

The Stone of Destiny, also called the Stone of Scone (scoon) is a stone that has been connected with the crowning of Scottish kings. The stone weighs 336 pounds (152 kg) and is 26 inches long.

According to one Celtic legend the stone was the pillow that Biblical Jacob rested his head on in Bethel when he had a vision of angels (Genesis 28:10-22). Supposedly the stone traveled from the Holy Land to Egypt, Sicily, Spain, and then to Ireland around 700 BC. It was placed on a hill in Tara where the ancient Irish kings were crowned. About AD 840 Scottish Kenneth MacAlpin invaded and took it to the village of Scone in Scotland.

In 1292 John de Balliol was the last Scottish king to be crowned on it before English Edward I, in 1296, invaded Scotland and moved the stone to London. In 1307, in Westminster Abbey, Edward had a chair built so the stone could fit under it and called it the Coronation Chair. This became the symbol that the kings of England would be crowned as kings of Scotland also.

When English Queen Elizabeth I died without any children in 1603, King James VI of Scotland succeeded her and was crowned on the Stone of Scone.

On Christmas morning 1950, the stone was stolen from Westminster Abbey by some Scottish nationalists who took it back to Scotland. Four months later it was found and returned to the abbey. The British government returned the stone to Scotland in 1996 and it is presently in Edinburgh Castle next to the crown jewels of Scotland in the Crown Room. An agreement has been made to transport the stone back to Westminster Abbey when needed for future coronation ceremonies.

## n. Destiny

1. what happens in the future: the things that someone or something will experience in the future
2. a power that is believed to control what happens in the future

Do you believe in a destiny for your life? What are some things that you might be destined for?




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Replica of the Stone of Destiny



CORONATION CHAIR IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY



Stone of Destiny and Scottish Crown Jewels on display in Edinburgh Castle



# Stone of Scones

## Ingredients:

2 1/2 C all purpose flour  
1 Tbs. baking powder  
1/2 tsp. salt

8 Tbs. cold unsalted butter, cut up  
1/4 C granulated sugar, less if desired  
2/3 C milk

1. Heat oven to 425 degrees (220 Celsius).
2. Combine flour, baking powder and salt in large bowl; stir until well mixed.
3. Add butter and cut in with pastry blender or rub with fingers until mixture is pea size.
4. Add sugar; toss to mix.
5. Add milk and stir with fork until dough forms.
6. Pat or roll into a 6 inch circle.
7. Cut each circle into 6 or eight wedges.
8. Place wedges on an ungreased cookie sheet--slightly apart for crisp sides/ touching for soft.
9. Bake about 12 minutes or until medium brown on top.

Optional: sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar before baking.

recipe 'Simple Sweet Scones' taken from [www.food.com](http://www.food.com)



Stones can be made into game pieces, animals, and used for decorations. Hunt outside for some and see what fun things you can come up with! Send any photos of your creations to [bittybulls@turnbullclan.com](mailto:bittybulls@turnbullclan.com) and we will post them!



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idea from [www.growingagreenfamily.com](http://www.growingagreenfamily.com)



## Hedgehog Paper Weight

idea from [www.craftsforkids.com](http://www.craftsforkids.com)

markers  
brown felt  
rock  
dried Kidney bean  
wild rice  
plastic eyes  
tacky glue  
bowl for rice

Cover bottom of rock with brown felt and trim around edges. Cover back half of pet with glue and fit down in bowl filled with rice. Let dry completely. Cut out small circles of felt, notch to stand up, and glue on for ears. Glue on eyes and bean nose.



idea from [www.spoonful.com](http://www.spoonful.com)

**Line up your rock pets in a row and you have your very own "rock band"!**