



Fake a Fossil

What will I need?

- An assortment of textured objects
- 250g / 1 cup plain flour
- 125g / ½ cup table salt
- 125ml / ½ cup water
- A large bowl
- Wooden spoon

What do I do?

1. Collect textured objects from your house, garden or local park as you exercise. You could use twigs, stones, leaves, shells, bubble-wrap, pieces of pottery, paperclips etc.
2. To make the salt dough, combine the flour and salt in a bowl. Add the water a little at a time and stir the mixture until it comes together into a ball.
3. Break off a piece of the dough, roll it in your hands until it forms a smooth ball, then place it on to a floured surface.
4. Use the objects you have collected to press into the salt dough, hard enough to leave an imprint but light enough so the dough doesn't split.





5. When you've made prints in all of your salt dough balls, place them on a tray lined with baking paper and ask an adult to put them in the oven for you. They will need to bake on the lowest heat for around 3 hours or until solid.



6. Once the salt dough is baked, leave it to cool completely then check out the cool patterns you made! If you want, use some paint to colour in the textures and make the print stand out.



7. Don't forget to take a photo of your creation and share it on social media, tagging Ipswich Museums on facebook or Twitter.