

No bones? Create a DIY Dig

We don't have any large dinosaur bones in the University collections – so here's how to make some of your own out of salt dough and create an archaeological dig for your young archaeologists!

You will need

- Flour
- Salt
- Water
- Food colouring
- Sand or soil
- Broad paint brush
- Small tray



Instructions

1. Mix together 2 cups of flour, 1 cup of salt, 1 cup of water to create a dough.
2. Knead for 2 minutes until firm.
3. Now mould pieces of the dough into bone shapes – or use cutters to create bone shapes about an inch in thickness.
4. Use a little food colouring on the bones to make them look old.
5. Place on a baking tray and bake in the oven for around 30 minutes at a temperature of 160C / Gas Mark 3.
6. Take the bones out of the oven and let them cool.



7. Fill a shallow tray with sand or soil and bury the bones.
8. Now get your kids to excavate. Give them a paint brush to sweep away the sand to find the bones.