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Make a Fossil!



You will need:

- * A cup of flour
- * Half a cup of salt
- * Water
- * A mixing bowl

How to Make a Fossil

Fossils form when the bodies of dead things get replaced by minerals and turn to stone. Some fossils are the imprint where a living thing touched the ground, like dinosaur footprints. We call these trace fossils. Why not make your own?

Mix the salt and flour together in a bowl. Add a little water at a time, and keep mixing till you can squidge the dough into a ball. Choose an object to leave a trace fossil. Pine cones, shells and plastic animals are really good. Press the object into the dough and pull it out again to leave a print. Try a few different objects.

Leave your fossil out to dry for a few days. Imagine what would happen to it over millions of years!

Have Fun!



Ammonite fossils



Dinosaur fossil



Zamites Gigas fossil

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