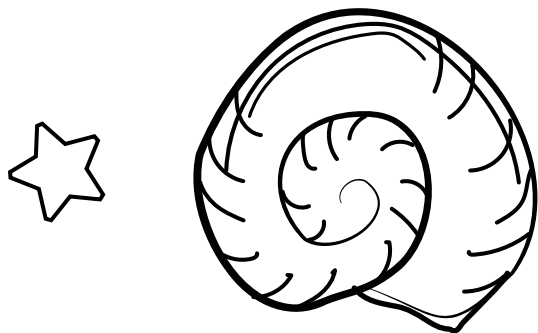


# Make your own fossils!



## What to do:

**1.** Ask your grown-up helper to set the oven to 215°F, or its lowest setting.

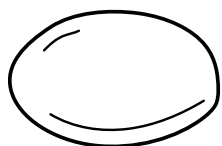
**2.** Mix together the flour, salt, and water to make a stiff dough.

**3.** Knead it with your hands – it should be soft but not sticky. Add more flour or water if you need to.

**4.** Take a bit of dough and roll it into a ball about the size of a ping-pong ball.

**5.** Use your hand to flatten it, to make a disc about half an inch thick.

**6.** Press a shell or other small item into the dough. Remove the item, leaving its shape in the dough like a fossil.



## You will need:

- ★ mixing bowl and spoon
- ★ 1 cup plain flour
- ★ ½ cup salt
- ★ ½ cup water
- ★ small items to make fossil shapes, e.g. shells, small dinosaur toys, etc.
- ★ baking sheet
- ★ oven
- ★ grown-up helper

**7.** Make some more fossils in the same way. Then put them on the baking sheet.

**8.** Ask your grown-up helper to put them in the oven. Bake them until they are hard (this can take up to three hours).

**9.** Once your fossils are hard, you can paint them if you want!

**10.** Have a fossil hunt by hiding your fossils in some sand. Challenge a friend to find them!