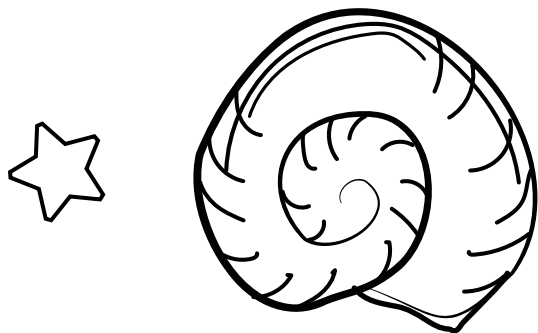
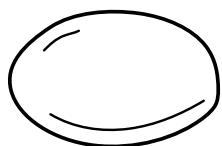


Make your own fossils!



What to do:

1. Ask your grown-up helper to set the oven to 100°C, 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 1 cm 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
- ★ 200 g plain flour
- ★ 100 g salt
- ★ 100 ml water
- ★ small items to make fossil shapes, e.g. shells, small dinosaur toys, etc.
- ★ baking tray
- ★ oven
- ★ grown-up helper

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

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 like!

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