

# How to make a salt dough plant fossil

## You will need:

- 1 cup (250g) of plain flour
- ½ cup (125g) of table salt
- ½ cup (125ml) of warm water
- Mixing bowl
- Selection of leaves
- Paint



## What are fossils?

Fossils are any preserved remains, impression or trace of any once-living thing from a past geological age. Examples include plants, bones, shells and even footprints.

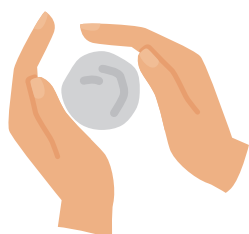
**1** Mix the flour and salt in a mixing bowl and slowly add the water until a slightly sticky dough forms.



**2** Knead the dough until it's smooth and not sticky. Add more flour if too sticky and wet or more water if too dry.



**3** Roll small amounts of dough in to balls.



**4** Flatten balls of dough with your hand.



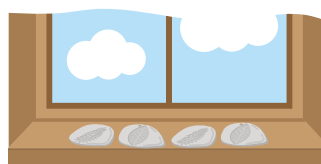
**5** Press leaf about halfway into the dough.



**6** Carefully remove the leaf to reveal the leaf imprint. You could make a hole at the top of the fossil at this stage to make a necklace.



**7** Leave your fossils in a warm dry place (by a window) for a few days, so they can dry out and become solid.



**8** Now to add some colour to your fossil by painting the imprint. Browns and greys will make it look more realistic, but bright colours look good too.



## Top idea!

Make a dinosaur fossil by pressing your dinosaur toys in to the dough or make imprints using seashells.