



Dinosaur Poo

Ingredients

- 1 cup flour
- 2 cups salt
- 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup warm water
- Beef stock cube

Equipment

- Wooden lolly sticks
- Handful of leaves
- Paper plates
- Large mixing bowl

Method

1. In a large bowl, mix the salt, flour and vegetable oil together.
2. In another bowl, mix together the warm water, beef stock cube and brown paint, until it looks like brown water.
3. Carefully, pour the brown water into the large bowl containing the flour mix.
4. Stir the mixture, then start to use your hands to make a doughy lump.
5. Then, take small pieces of the dough and roll them into large sausage shapes.
6. Tear up the leaves and poke them into the sausage shapes. These are the bits that tell palaeontologists what the dinosaurs ate millions of years ago. This will make the poo of a plant-eating Diplodocus.
7. Ask your friends to use the lolly sticks to 'excavate' the poos and find out what the dinosaurs used to eat.

You may wish to bake these slowly in an oven at 180°C, until they are hard, to turn your 'poo' into a **coprolite**. Coprolites are fossilised poos so will be hard in texture.