



Bosque County Rock House

Duration: 15 min – 30 min

Suggested Age: 4-12

Supplies.

- Play Dough
- Markers
- Cardboard or disposable plate (for base)
- Other supplies to decorate your house and base

Steps

- Collect materials!
- Form small blocks out of Play Dough and lay them in a rectangle to form the base of your house.
- Form more small blocks of varying sizes to layer on top of the base blocks. You can squish them together or just stack them, it's up to you!
- Tip: Try making blocks of different colors and mixing them as you build it to make a colorful and unique house!
- When your house is as tall as you want it to be, you can make a roof out of Play Dough or cardboard or whatever other materials you have laying around!
- Decorate your houses yard with markers and/or other materials!

Fun Facts

- Most Bosque County rock houses were built by Norwegian immigrants and initially only had one room! When they added a second room, it was usually next to the original building with a porch between them. Can you build a house like that?
- Some original rock houses built in the 1870s are still standing! They were built strong!



Explore Further

- The original rock houses were built out of limestone. What other materials could you use to build your house? Try using rocks, blocks, or anything else you can think of!
- The people who lived in rock houses didn't have a lot of the nice things we have like running water or air conditioning. What do you see in your house that they might not have had? What do you see in your house that they would have had?