

## Salt Dough Mammoth Bones

Duration: Prep – 20 minutes
Baking – 45 minutes
Suggested Age: 4-12

## Supplies.

- 1 cup Salt
- 2 cups All-Purpose Flour
- 1 cup Water
- Plastic Bowl
- Cookie Sheet

## **Steps**

- Mix 2 cups flour, 1 cup salt, and 1 cup water together in a bowl.
- Knead dough for roughly two minutes or until there are no more lumps and the dough is firm. Tip: If the dough is too sticky, try adding a bit more flour.
   If your dough is too crumbly, try adding a bit more water.
- Create your own mammoth or dinosaur bones with the dough.
- Bake fossils in the oven at 325 degrees for 45 minutes.
- After your bones have cooled, you can bury them in a sensory bin of sand or dirt and let your little paleontologists go on a dinosaur dig!

## **Explore Further**

- Two of the most distinct parts of mammoth fossils are their tusks and their teeth! Can you make those out of your dough?
  - You can find more information about Waco mammoths on the Waco Mammoth National Monument website at https://www.nps.gov/waco/index.htm
- What kinds of fossils can you find where you live? Can you make salt dough fossils like them? In Waco we have mammoths, but we also have lots of other kinds of fossils
- Not all fossils are animals, a lot of plants become fossils, too! Can you find a way to make salt dough plant fossils, too?





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