

Make Your Own Cave Art

Instructions

1

Flatten and press the clay with your fingers until it's about 1 cm thick. Leave to partially dry for 2 hours then lightly press stones into the surface and edges to give your clay texture. Leave to dry overnight.

2

Lightly draw a pencil design onto the clay. We drew one of Royston Cave's carvings but you could draw anything, like animals or trees or people. Look at images of cave art for inspiration.

3

Colour your design in with paint. We used browns, yellows and oranges like in Royston Cave. Add dark shades in the cracks and light shades on the highlights. Leave to dry.

4

Rub gently over the paint with oil pastels to build up the colour. Use a black or dark brown oil pastel to outline the shapes and use a white oil pastel to add highlights.



You will need

Air Drying Clay
Stones
Pencil
Poster Paints
Paintbrush
Oil Pastels

Fun Fact!

The oldest cave art in the world was drawn by our ancestors over 40,000 years ago!

Top Tips

The flatter you make the middle area of clay, the easier it'll be to colour later!

Roll the clay onto brown paper or cling film to stop it sticking to the surface.

More Ideas

Try making your designs 3D by adding clay details!

Play around with pressing different objects into the clay to see what textures you can create.

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