

Make your own fossils!

Supplies needed

1 cup of wet, used coffee grounds

1/2 cup of cold coffee

1/2 cup salt

1 cup flour

A variety of objects to "fossilize": plant leaves, flower petals, tree bark, seashells and pine cones.

Dry pasta, rice or sticks

Directions

Mix the first 4 ingredients together in a bowl. Knead them with your hands. They should be soft but not sticky

Divide the dough up into pieces and press it into the shape of a cookie, about 2 cm thick. Put each piece on waxed or parchment paper.

Gently press an object into the dough then carefully lift it off. It will leave a fossil-like impression in the dough.

Alternately, you could recreate a fossilized skeleton of a dinosaur or other animal. You will need to make a larger "cookie" shape so you have room to make your design. Using dry pasta, rice or sticks, press and leave the objects in the dough, recreating the design of the fossilized skeleton. Leave the objects in place to dry.

Leave your fossils on the counter overnight to thoroughly dry. You may need to turn them over at some point to dry the bottom!