Salt Dough Dinosaur Fossils

MATERIALS
- dinosaur toys
- mixing bowl
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1/2 cup warm water
- baking sheet

Even though we don’t generally find dinosaur fossils in our backyards, you can make your very own fossils at home with this simple activity.

STEP 1
Mix the flour, salt, and warm water together in bowl to create the salt dough. If your dough is too hard or crumbles, add more water, very little at a time. Tear it into small pieces and roll into balls about the size of a golf ball. Then using your palm, press them flat.

STEP 2
Grab your dinosaur toys and press them into the dough. Try pressing their sides, faces, and feet in to make different shapes!

STEP 3
Line up all your fossils on a baking sheet and bake at 250 for 1-2 hours. Remove from the oven once they are hard to prevent over baking and cracking.

TAKE IT A LITTLE FURTHER!
Make enough dough to make 16 small discs. Use your dinosaurs to make pairs of fossils. After you bake them, you’ll have your very own, homemade dinosaur fossil memory game! Flip them over and try to match them!

You could also make discs with a different dinosaur on each and then try to match the fossil with the dinosaur model. Both of these activities are not only fun but will help your kids develop critical thinking skills and pattern recognition!