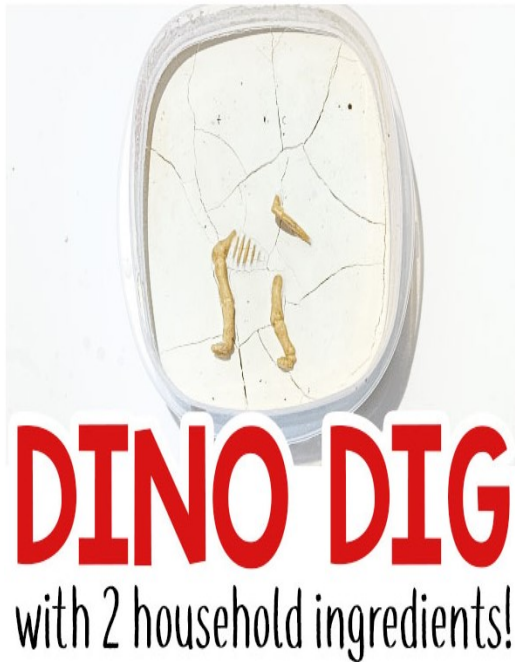


Can you be a palaeontologist and set up your own 'dino dig'?

The life and work of Mary Anning, (later called 'the Princess of Palaeontology')

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Setting Up a Dinosaur Fossil Excavation

Supplies Needed:

Cornflour

Water

Dinosaur fossil skeletons, dinosaur toys [or you can choose what to bury]

Instructions:

1. Mix up some 'oobleck' by combining cornflour and water. The exact measurements will depend on the size of the container you are using. You will want to use approximately twice as much cornstarch as water. So if you use 2 cups of cornstarch, you will use 1 cup of water. If it is too soupy, add more cornstarch. If it is too thick, add more water.
2. Put the dinosaurs into the oobleck. You will want to push them down as much as possible so that they are buried.
3. Put outside in the sun and leave it for a day or two. You will know when it is ready because it will get very hard and it will start to crack all over the surface.



Can you uncover your fossils or treasures by scraping and brushing 'carefully'?

