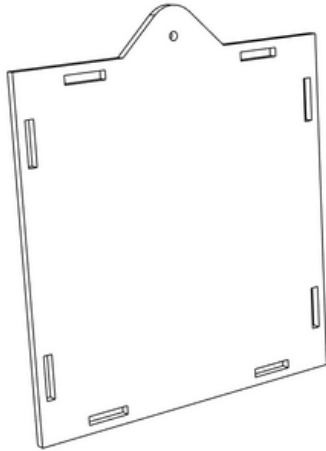


Fossils



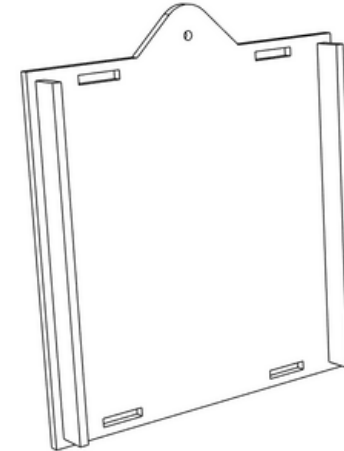
Follow each step in sequence and glue the pieces together as indicated in the images.

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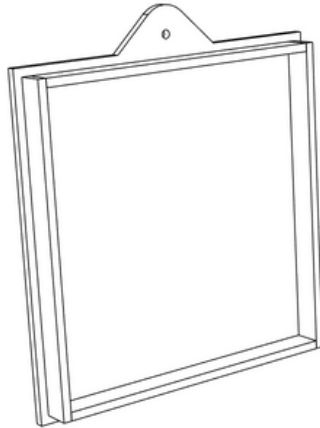
Start with the base of your frame.

2



Take the longer frame-edge pieces, and glue them into the slots on each side of the frame.

3



Take the shorter frame-edge pieces, and glue them into the slots at the top and bottom of the frame.

4



You have been provided with some 'dinosaur bones' to start creating your fossils, but you can use other things as well, such as a leaf, or even your own fingerprint!

5



Take your air-drying clay out of the bag, and squish it into the frame's shape. Leave a small blob out to make a hanging medallion.

Make sure to force the clay firmly into all the corners. As the clay dries over the next 24 hours, it will shrink slightly and become loose in the frame. Once it is fully dry, if it falls out of the frame you can just glue it back in.

While your clay is still soft, use the provided dinosaur bones, and our own finds from the garden or around your house, to create your very own fossils in your clay. Press the object firmly into the clay, and then gently remove it to leave an impression.

Once the clay is completely dry, you can use a little bit of paint on a dry brush, to paint over the fossils and highlight their shapes.

Fossil Facts



Body Fossils

- These are the actual remains of living things from long ago.
- They can be bones, teeth, shells, or even whole bodies of animals and plants.
- Example: a dinosaur bone or a fossilized leaf.
- Body fossils tell us what the animal or plant looked like.

Trace Fossils

- These are not the body itself, but the signs or evidence that the animal or plant was there.
- They can be footprints, burrows, nests, or even fossilized poop!
- Example: a dinosaur footprint in rock.
- Trace fossils tell us how the animal lived, moved, or behaved.

Try determine which of your fossils are body or trace fossils!