



# Make Terracotta Warriors



Emperor Qin ruled over 2,000 years ago as China's first emperor. During his reign, his workers created 8,000 life-size warrior statues for what would later become his tomb. To make these statues, local pottery workshops used clay made from yellow earth. Artisans created the bodies first and then made each statue unique by adding details, like hats, mustaches and shoes. Print the next page and use the warrior images as guides when you form your own Terracotta Warrior.

## MATERIALS



3 cups flour



1 cup table salt



1½ cup water



1 large bowl



rubber spatula



toothpick



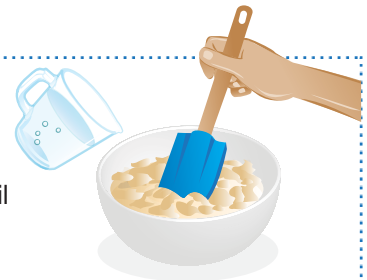
flat cardboard  
(for work area)

## INSTRUCTIONS

1 Print the warrior outline on the next page to use as a template and set aside.

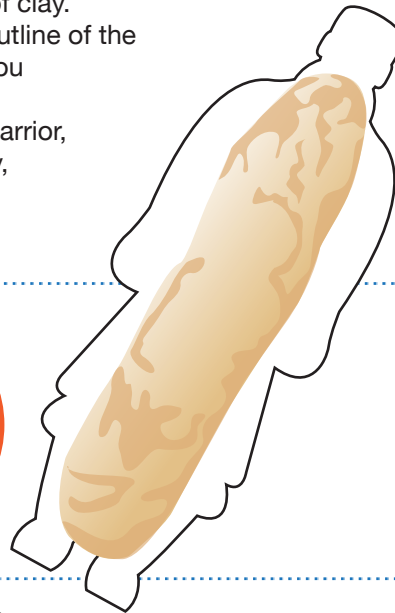
2 Add the flour and salt to the bowl and mix well.

3 Slowly add the water while stirring with the rubber spatula. Mix until the clay begins to form and thicken.



4 Pull the clay from the bowl and knead it over the cardboard work area with your hands until it stays together.

5 Break off a fistful of clay. Shape it into the outline of the warrior template you printed in Step 1. The thinner your warrior, the faster it will dry, so aim for about ¼ inch thick.

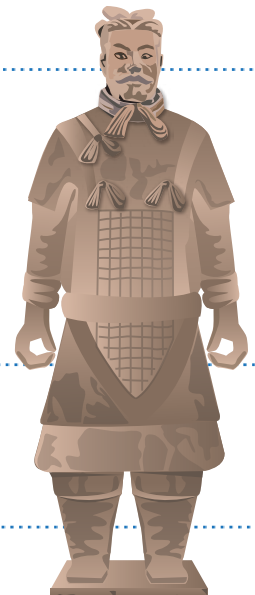


6 Use the toothpick to carve the details of the armor and warrior's face and hands into the clay.



7 Set your warrior somewhere safe to dry for 2-3 days.

8 Keep going to see how many warriors the clay will make!





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