

**ACTIVITY 6
STANDING STONE MODEL**



What you need:

- Plasticine / Play Doh/ Air dry clay or Homemade Salt dough
- Paper plate or A4 cardboard/any cardboard that can be painted
- Paints or crayons
- Pencil or small twig (used for making the circle designs on the Standing stone)
- Scissors
- PVA glue (optional)

Instructions Sheets:

- Instructions for making your model using Plasticine/Play Doh or Air-Dry Clay
- Instructions for making Salt Dough and your model
- Photographing your model
- Picture of Nether Largie Standing stone

Instructions for making the model using Plasticine/Play Doh or Air-Dry Clay

1.



Take a handful of Plasticine/ Play Doh or Air-dry clay and shape into a ball just smaller than a tennis ball.

2.



Shape the ball into your standing stone

Height is 10cms /4" and width is 5cms /2" at the base of the stone, gradually narrowing towards the tip of the stone

3.



Use the end of the pencil to mark the circles on your stone and use the pencil point to make the cup marks on your stone or you could use a small twig.



4. Place your standing stone to one side while you make the base for your model.

5. Take a paper plate and paint it green, leave to dry.

If you do not have a paper plate, you can use card or cardboard. Place a plate on your card/cardboard and draw around the plate, creating a large circle.

6. Cut out the circle shape from the rest of the card/cardboard.

7. Paint the card circle green and leave to dry.

8. If you have access to the garden, you could collect dried leaves, any old moss or grass and add to your model base to give it texture.

Instructions for making Salt Dough and making your model

Recipe for Salt dough:

Makes 2 Standing stones

Ingredients.

1 cupful of plain flour (about 250g)
Half a cupful of table salt (about 125g)
Half a cupful of water (about 125ml)

Method:

1. Mix the flour and salt in a large bowl. Add the water gradually and stir until the mixture comes together into a ball, then knead for between 10 to 20 minutes or until the dough is completely smooth with no air bubbles.
2. Transfer the dough to a floured work surface and shape into your Standing Stone.
3. Now leave the dough shape to rest for one hour.
Use the pencil point or a small thin twig to draw your design on the stone.
4. Once you have completed your stone model, if you want it to dry naturally over 24 hours, place the model on a plate and leave in a warm area of a room.
If you are wanting to have quicker results with the salt dough drying and don't want to leave the object to dry naturally, you can place your salt dough object on a baking sheet lined with baking parchment or grease proof paper. Now put the completed salt dough model into a preheated oven 200°F (93°C) lowest setting and bake for up to 3 hrs or until solid.



Salt Dough Ball



Shaping



Completed shape



On the Baking sheet

Once your salt dough model is dry, if you have acrylic paints you could paint the stone a light grey colour. If you do not have acrylic paints but you do have some PVA glue, then just give your stone a good coating all over with the glue. The paint or the glue helps to 'seal' the dough so that it stays firm and does not become soggy over time.

PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR MODEL

Now you are ready to place your standing stone in the centre of the model base and take a photograph.

Inside



Outdoors



Outdoors



Black & White



Salt Dough



You could take the photograph of your model outside in the garden and try to position the model in such a way that you can get just the sky as a background to your model.

Alternatively, you could take a piece of paper A4 size and draw some clouds and the sun, colour the paper blue or you might want a rainy day or maybe even snow!
Place your finished picture behind your model and take the photograph.
Watch out for the 'shadows' that you might cast on your model

Nether Largie Standing Stone, Kilmartin Glen, Argyll



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