



Malleable mud

Make your own tactile 'clay' from an abundant free resource – mud!



Method

▼ Step 1

Get some mud and some water. You can riddle the mud to get out the worst of the stones and sticks if you want to be fancy (*make sure to check your raw material for foreign bodies and follow your usual H&S procedures*).



▼ Step 2

Pour water into mud and mix as much as possible. You know it's going well when your arms get covered in clay particles.



▼ Step 3

When you've got a good mix on, leave for a few minutes to let the last stones sink to the bottom. Pour the mixture into a bed sheet (ask permission first, it will not line a mattress again!).



▼ Step 4

Tie the top and leave to drain. Hanging from a tree is best (but we improvised with a milk crate tower).



▼ Step 5

Check regularly and when it feels ready bring it down and store in a bag or wrapped in the damp sheet. This batch had been left for ten days.



▼ Step 6

Make some wooden tools and get exploring!



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