Craft this fantastic lunar landscape from salt dough.



One small step...



With this tutorial, you, young space traveller, can create your own magnificent piece of the moon with just three kitchen ingredients: salt, flour and water. (Although be warned, it's not for eating. Unless you really like salt. A lot.)

You will need:

For the salt dough

- 250g flour
- 300g salt
- 180ml moon water (or regular tap water)

For the moon

- Rolling pin
- Rocks and sponges
- Space boot (optional)

To decorate it

- Paint and brushes
- Cocktail stick
- Paper
- Glue
- Your best moon-landing voice

Make the salt dough

Step 1

It's a little-known fact that all successful moon missions start with the ceremonial combining of flour and salt. Stir them together so the mix resembles lunar dust.



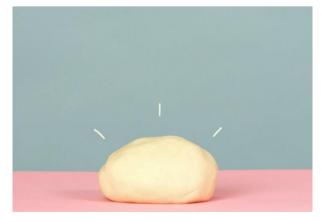
Step 2

Gradually add the lunar water and stir in a full-moon circular motion to bind the mixture together.



Step 3

With enough kneading, you should be left with this satisfyingly squidgy ball of dough, ready to be rolled into a flat moon surface.



Moon-ify it

Step 1

Roll out the dough till it's as thick as the moon's crust. Our resident space-travel experts suggest 1cm to 1.5 cm thickness.



Step 2

Now to add some moon-tastic textures. Use rocks and sponges for a bumpy surface. With your thumb and fingers, pinch together some spectacular craters that could be spotted by the naked eye all the way from Earth.



Step 3

To prove it really is your own piece of the moon, it will need a footprint. (Check with a grown-up before you grab a boot or a shoe, to see if it's ok!)



Step 4

Carefully trim the edges so you have a circle – you could use a plate to help you make it as round as the moon.



Step 5

No moon is complete without some friendly moon-dwelling creatures. Mould them out of the excess dough by rolling up little balls for eyes, and sausages for tentacles. You can paint them if you like, once they're out of the oven.



Step 6

It's time to place the salt dough creations in the oven at 160C (320F). In around 20 minutes it will be as hard as a moon-rock. (Although the little moon-creatures will only need five minutes.)



The finishing touches

Step 1

While your moon surface hardens in the oven, you can get the flag ready. Draw your favourite pattern on a long rectangle of paper – you could even add your name – then wrap it around a cocktail stick and glue it together.



Step 2

Once your moon has hardened and cooled, you can paint it if you like and add any moon-dwelling creatures you have made.



We look forward to seeing your finished designs!

