

## How to make Ancient Greek toys

You will need:

Terracotta air-drying clay.

Wooden rod or thin stick.

Strong glue.



1. Cut off a block of terracotta clay. Cut a smaller piece off the block.



2. Begin to mould the clay into an animal shape. Use your fingers and thumb to pull the clay into a head shape. It is important that you mould an animal out of one block of clay so you don't need to stick extra pieces of clay on (they will drop off when it all dries).



3. Mould the legs, keeping them wide and thick, so they are strong enough to have the wooden rod threaded through them. Make holes with the wooden rod and leave on its side to dry.



4. Now make the wheels by moulding the remaining clay into 4 balls, squashing them a little and smoothing them out. Push the rod through the holes you made in the animal's legs and press the wheels onto the ends of the rod. You may need to glue these on when the clay has dried.



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Old pencil

Black paint or black permanent marker



1. Mould your clay into a ball.



2. Flatten your clay ball with the palm of your hand to make a disc shape. Smooth it with your finger tips. When it is smooth, press your pencil through the exact middle of your clay disc.



3. You could try decorating the disc by pressing a pencil end into the clay, or drawing a geometric pattern onto the top of the clay disc using a permanent marker or black paint.

Will your clay spinning top spin? How long will it spin for? Partner up with someone else who has made one and challenge them to an Ancient Greek 'spin off'!



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Pencil



1. Cut the block into cubes of equal sizes.

2. Mould them smooth by rubbing them with your finger tips.



3. Press the sharp end of a pencil into the faces of the cubes to make the 'dots'. You may need to look at a modern die to remember which numbers are opposite each other.



Can you think of any games the Ancient Greeks may have played with their dice?

Partner up with someone else who has also made dice and see if you can invent a dice game.