

How to make a public stoa

You will need: Construction kit (like Lego™) Or:
Art straws,
Air drying clay,
Rolling pin
Scissors, card
Sticky tape
Ruler



The stoa of Athens, the Attalus, is a later version of the Greek stoa. It was built in the Doric style. It has two floors, with one floor containing shops and market stalls.

These instructions will show you how to make a stoa with one floor, but why not challenge yourself to make a two-floor stoa of the Doric era?



Roll a ball of clay into a rectangle.
Trim the edges.
Keep the spare clay for making statues and seats later.
Cut art straws into smaller lengths of the same size, about 3 cms high. You will need about 15 of these.
Push these straws into the clay in a line to make the columns of our stoa.



Do this in two rows.
Trim the art straws so their lengths match.
Decide which row in on the outside of your stoa, and trim these art straws a little shorter (5mm).



Measure a rectangle of card to be the length of your stoa and the width of your longest columns. This is going to be your stoa's back wall.



Push the card into the clay, behind the inside row of art straws.
Measure a rectangle of card to cover the art straws to form the roof. Attach the roof to the art straws with glue.

