

Bath Time Travellers - Normans

Keynsham Abbey – Art & Design

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An abbey was built in Keynsham in 1170. The Abbey could own and collect taxes from the surrounding settlements that now fell under its ownership.

Keynsham Abbey was destroyed by Henry VIII during the dissolution of the monasteries 1536-1541. However, there are some beautiful items from the Abbey in the Roman Baths collection.



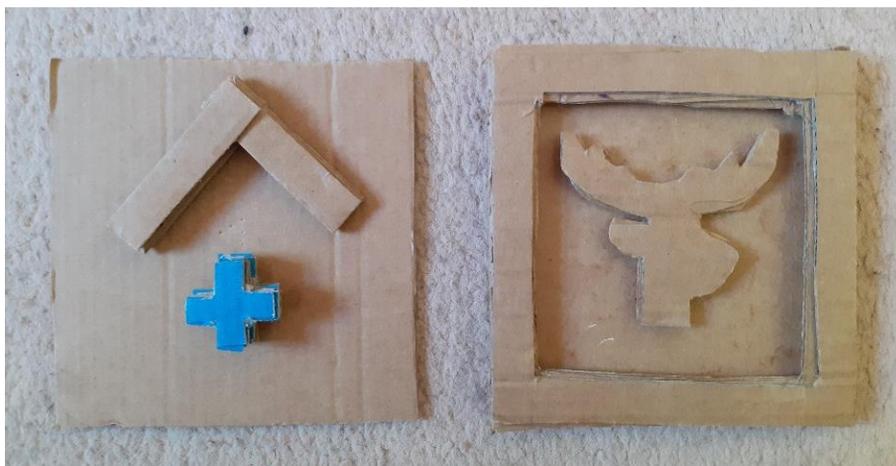
These tiles are called inlay tiles. Whilst the tile is still wet, a stamp is pressed into the clay to leave an impression.

A type of decorative liquid clay called slip is poured into the impression. When everything is dry, a two coloured tile is created!

Let's have a go at making some tiles like the ones from Keynsham Abbey!

You will need: corrugated card (like takeaway pizza boxes), scissors, glue, a pencil, paints and paintbrushes and some paper.

1. Cut some (but not all) of your corrugated card into squares. The size of a coaster (about 9cm x 9cm) works quite well. These will be the base for your stamps.
2. Draw your design onto more card. Remember it must fit onto the square stamp base. You might need to cut out several of the same shape to stick together to make your stamp stronger.
3. When you are happy, stick all parts of your design onto the stamp base.



- Carefully cover your design in paint. Only put paint on the raised parts of your design.
- Gently press the stamp onto a clean sheet of paper.
- Repeat the steps with as many different stamp designs as you like. Create different shapes, colour in the background of your tiles and use your imagination! Use the patterns from the tiles from Keynsham Abbey to help with your designs.

Well done! You have made a Medieval floor tiles!

