

Bath Time Travellers

The Bronze Age

- Take a look at these Bronze Age axes from the collection at the Roman Baths.
- They look very shiny and new, but are actually over 3,000 years old!
- They are made of bronze, which is a mixture of copper and tin. They would have been attached to a wooden handle using natural string.



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Use your design and technology skills to make a Bronze Age Axe!

You will need:

- Card, some newspaper, masking tape or sticky tape, glue, poster paints, string and sticks (to decorate)

You will also need to make some papier maché paste. There are lots of different recipes for this, we have used the cheapest and quickest which needs

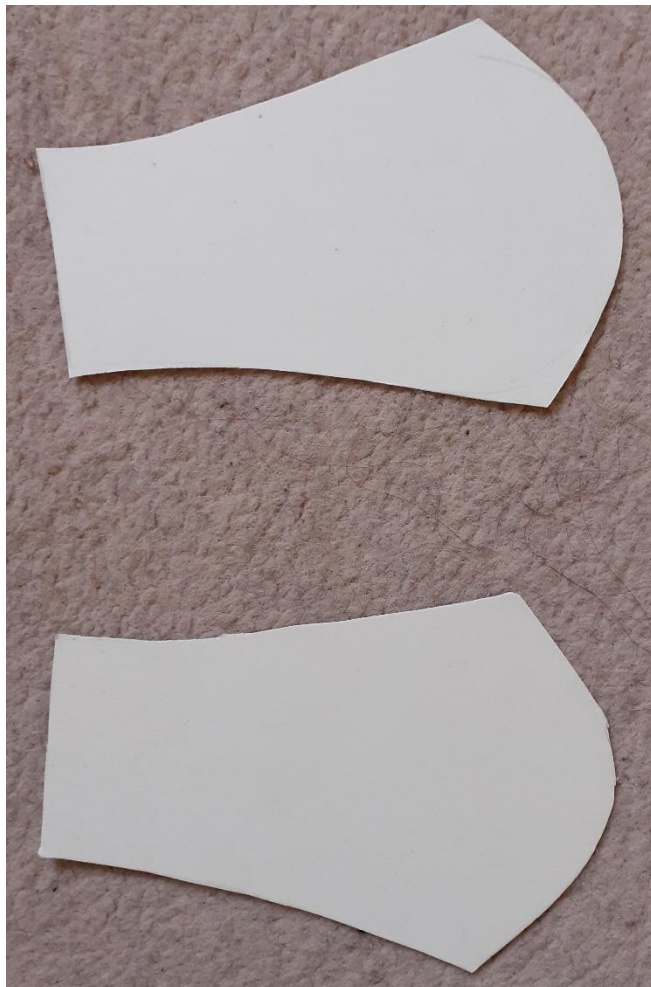
- 1 mug of flour
- 1 mug of water
- 2 tablespoons of salt (to stop mould)

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1. Draw your axe head onto the card. Look at the photo or our template to help you, or you can draw your own. Cut it out, then draw round it again so you have heads.



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2. Scrunch up some strips of newspaper into small balls. Use glue or sticky tape to stick the balls to one of your axe heads. Glue your other axe head on top, like a sandwich.



3. Mix the ingredients of your papier maché together until they form a paste. You may need to add extra flour or water to get the preferred consistency.

4. Cover thin strips of newspaper in your paste, and use these to cover your axe head. Be careful not to overlap the strips too much or make too many layers at once or your axe will take a long time to dry!

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5. Leave your axe to dry. Repeat step 4 until your axe is hard. You might like to make your last layer from white paper, kitchen towel or loo roll so it will be easier to paint.

6. Paint your axe using poster paints. You can decorate with string and make a handle from sticks if you like.

Well done! You have made a Bronze Age Socketed Axe!

