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Make with the Museum at Curve Club

Woolly Mammoth

Bring this favourite prehistoric mammal back to life with just a milk bottle & scrap paper

Slough Museum background information:

Slough Museum's Origins of Slough Pod is on the ground floor of The Curve. The Pod tells how the word 'Slough' comes from the Old English for 'marsh' and was used because the area the town was built on was mostly marshland. On display are the tusk and tooth of a woolly mammoth, discovered in a local pit in the 1960s. This now extinct prehistoric beast was about the size and shape of an elephant, disappearing from mainland at the end of the Palaeolithic period 10,000 years ago. The tusk & tooth are by far the oldest items in our collection.

You will need:

- An empty and clean milk bottle (4 pints medium mammoth, 2 pints mini mammoth)
- Brown paper or white paper coloured in with pens/pencils/crayons or brown wool
- Scissors and glue + optional – googly eyes

How to make:

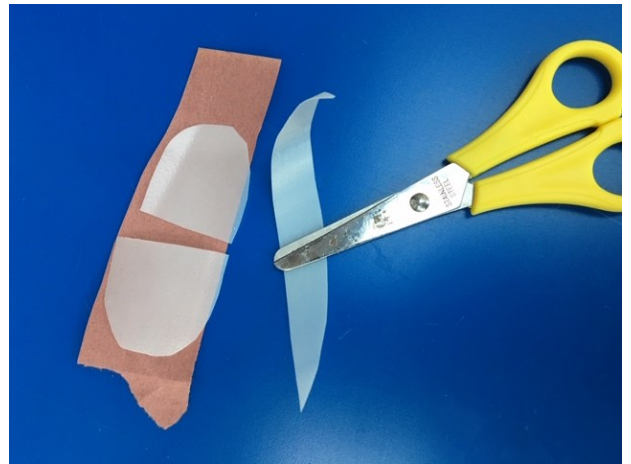
- 1) Prepare the woolly mammoth 'fur' – we used brown A4 paper, folded twice length ways and then cut up into pieces approx. 5cm x 1cm
- 2) Once you have washed and dried the milk bottle(s) cut the top part under the handle – don't throw the base away, this is needed for tusks and useful for holding the PVA glue



- 3) Cut an arch into each side of the top part of the milk bottle to form the leg shapes – don't throw the arch shapes away – these are used for the woolly mammoth ears
- 4) You can use the milk bottle base to hold the PVA glue and cover the top part of the milk bottle with the glue (try not to put on too much glue or it gets 'gloopy')



- 5) Place the strips of paper or wool onto the whole top section of the milk bottle – if you start at the bottom of the milk bottle and work up, it looks even more like shaggy fur!
- 6) While the glue is drying, stick paper onto the ear 'arches' and use some of the offcuts to create the tusk shape – you can curl the tusks with the scissor edge (like ribbon)



- 7) Stick the tusks, ears and eyes on your woolly mammoths – we used googly eyes, but you can draw these on or make with paper and pens



When you can next visit The Curve, come and see our Origins of Slough Pod, borrow a book about prehistoric creatures and find out more...

Woolly mammoths weighed about 6 tons (about the same weight as a bus).

Woolly mammoths had tusks, like some elephants, but the woolly mammoth's tusks were much longer than an elephant's tusks - about 15 feet (the same as the length of a giraffe).

They used their tusks for fighting each other and digging in the snow.