

Shabtis: Activity Pack

Make a Shabti

Tips

- Can be made out of any material, depending on available resources: playdough, plasticine, clay, etc.
- Coloured playdough (etc.) can be used, or finished shabtis can be painted.
- Text can be painted on or incised into the material.
- Execution doesn't have to be perfect, as long as the key features are present!

Wig and false beard:

Funerary features, as placed on mummies as well

Farming tool:

Hoe

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Mattock

Body:

Mummy, so doesn't need much detail

Alternative:

Name and title of the shabtis owner (easier to write and takes up less space)

Shabti spell:

*O Shabti, If 'the deceased' be summoned
To do any work which has to be done in
the realm of the dead
To make arable the fields,
to irrigate the land,
or to convey sand from East to West;
'Here I Am', you shall say, 'I Shall Do It'*

Making your own playdough

Ingredients

- 8 tbsp plain flour
- 2 tbsp table salt
- 60 ml warm water
- Food colouring
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil

Directions

- Mix flour and salt in one bowl;
- Mix water, food colouring, and oil in a separate bowl
- Pour the liquid into the flour mix and combine with a spoon
- Knead the mixture to form a smooth, pliable dough
- To store: wrap in film and keep in fridge