

# How to make a Clay Mosque

## IMA AT HOME



The Great Mosque of Djenne, Mali.

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The first mosque in Australia was built with mudbrick at Marree, South Australia in 1861. During this activity, you'll have the opportunity to create your own mosque using clay.

## You will need:

- **Clay**
- **Toothpicks**
- **Skewers**
- **Hard cardboard**
- **Scissors**
- **Acrylic paint (optional)**

1) Take a chunk of clay the size of your fist and play with it so it begins to soften.

2) Form a rectangle with the clay (as big as you desire) and attach it to the base of the cardboard.

3) Grab 4 skewers and carefully cut them in half using scissors. Always ask an adult to help you.

4) Grab a new piece of clay and mould a thick layer of clay around the cut skewers. It should be flat at the base. You should have 4 clay skewers that look like poles.

5) Attach the flat base of each clay skewer onto the rectangle block of clay you created in step 2.

6) Pierce toothpicks through each of the 4 clay poles. You can use the photo of the Great Mosque of Djenne on the first page as your inspiration.

7) When your clay mosque completely dries, you may paint your creation a colour of your choosing.