

## Want to create your own miniature archaeological dig?

You can use anything on hand for this activity. (Age group 4-10 years)

Step one: Take a big square plastic container and fill it with playdough, aquamarine pebbles, or sand (preferably brown in color) about 2/3 of the way.

Step two: Then bury fragments of a broken pot, old metal objects like keys, fragments of shells, or broken plates with no sharp edges at varying depths.

Tip\*decorate small terracotta pots with paint or sharpie to customize your find!

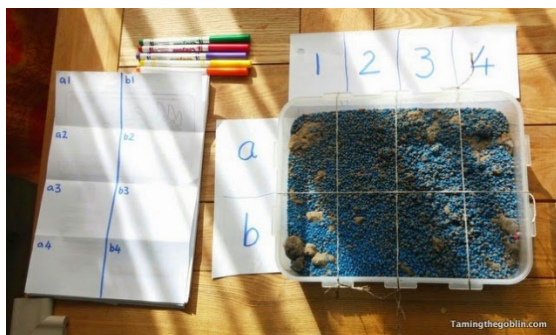
Tip\*if your pottery does have sharp edges, sand it down with fine sandpaper

Edible Tip\* Make it edible and use gummy worms, Oreo chunks, and gummy bears with chocolate pudding and chocolate chips!



Step three: Cover your finds with another layer of sand or playdough.

Step four: Tie string around your container into a grid pattern and use a piece of paper or sticky notes to mark where the quadrants are. Like this:



|   | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|---|
| A |   |   |   |
| B |   |   |   |

Step five: Create a map of where the artifacts were found. Provide plenty of space to draw each item in place.

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| A1 | A2 | A3 |
| B1 | B2 | B3 |

Step six: Have fun!