

# Educator Notes: Episode 17. Dino Swamp

### In this episode

Join The Art Crew on a prehistoric adventure as they sculpt awesome dinosaurs with dough. Interesting dino-details are included using loose parts to make each dinosaur unique.

Matt upcycles a fruit box and other cardboard bits as the foundation for an amazing prehistoric environment.

# **Material Suggestions**

- Coloured homemade playdough see recipe for Play School cooked dough.
- Reusable loose parts: paddle pop sticks, pegs, buttons, spools, coloured match sticks, coloured glass pebbles.
- Upcycled materials for making a prehistoric environment.





#### Let's extend

- Delve into the world of dinosaurs! Create a mind map to find out how much children already know about dinosaurs, then extend! Names? Features? Foods? Habitats? Similarities and differences?
  - Check out the great dinosaur resources available online at ABC Education.
  - Make the most of children's dinosaur books shelved at home. Ask families bring them in and create a shared dinosaur reference library for the duration of your project.
- Make brown or black dough to resemble rock (add sand for extra sensory interest). Invite children to create prehistoric fossils by pushing dinosaur figures or shells into dough. Gently lift out to reveal fossil impressions.
- Piece together a dinosaur skeleton use black card as the base, paste short craft sticks into dinosaur skeleton formations.

#### Music

Title: The Dino Stomp

Composer: Judith Simpson / Max Lambert Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Title: Dinosaur Roar

Composer: Arthur Baysting / Peter Dasent / Justine Clarke Publisher: Origin / Control

