

## Salt Clay Insects



If you want your students to remember the parts of an insect, this is a sure-fire way of doing it!

### Supplies:

1 cups flour  
1/2 cup salt  
Water  
Tempera paints, various colors  
Paintbrushes  
Colored florist wire  
Wire snips or scissors  
Baking pan

### Directions:

1. Mix together flour, salt and enough water to make a stiff dough. Knead until smooth.

2. Create the various parts of an insect:

- a. Head
- b. Thorax
- c. Abdomen
- d. Wings



3. Assemble the insects. Use a touch of water as "glue" to hold the pieces together.

4. Sprinkle some extra flour onto the baking pan and carefully place the clay insects on it.



5. Cut 8 pieces of wire (2" each) for each insect.

- a. Stick 2 into the head for antennae.
- b. Stick 2 into the thorax for legs.
- c. Stick 4 into the abdomen for legs.

6. Bake for 60-90 minutes at 300 or until hard.  
Cool on a rack until completely cool.

7. Paint the insects with the tempera paints.  
Have fun adding creative designs to the wings!

