

How to Make a Paperweight for Dad!

Here's what you will need:

Waxed paper

Paper towels

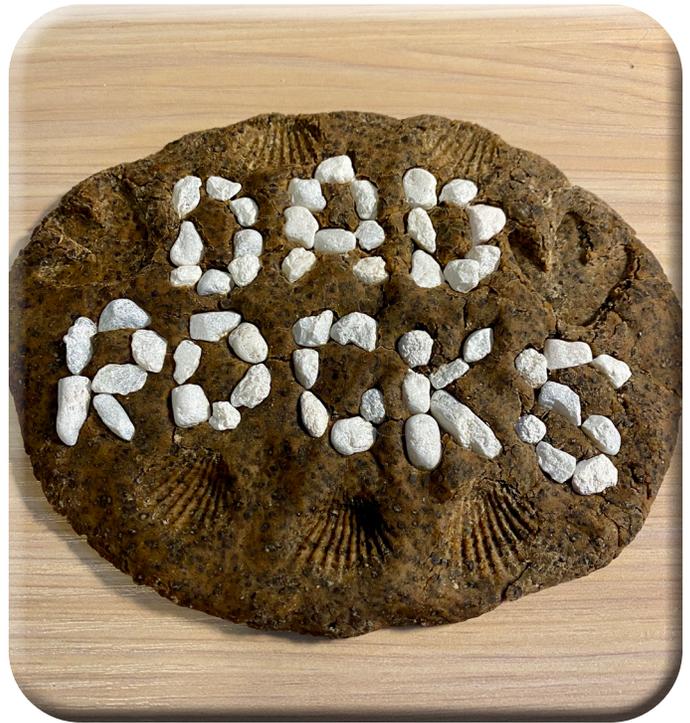
Flour - 1 cup

Coffee - 1/2 cup

Coffee grounds - 1 cup

Aquarium rocks/Pea Gravel

Other items of choice for
decoration or impressions



Mix the flour, coffee and coffee grounds together in a bowl. You want it to end up being the consistency of playdough and be able to roll it into a ball. Leave some extra in case you run out of room for your letters. I did! Also, my coffee grounds were way too wet, so I had to keep adding flour to get the right consistency. You might try blotting them with paper towel to soak up some of the coffee.

On wax paper, press out your ball into an oval shape. Make it as thin as you can without breaking it. The thicker it is, the longer it takes to dry. My first attempt took DAYS to dry!

Use your aquarium rocks or pea gravel to spell out the letters to your words. If you run out of room, just add more "dough" from your leftovers. I used white aquarium rocks with my second and third attempts. I used pea gravel with my first one, and while I like the look of the natural rocks, it didn't show up that well on the dough and was hard to read. You be the judge, but keep that in mind when making yours.



Decorate the blank spaces with what ever you like, or you can make impressions using things. I used a plastic dinosaur's foot and a shell to make mine look like a fossil. Use your imagination and send me pictures of how it turned out. I might post them on my Weird & Wacky Planet Facebook page!