

Make a Relief Map

Maps that show mountains, rivers and other landforms are called relief maps. You can make one of your own using salt dough. You will need the following supplies:

Materials

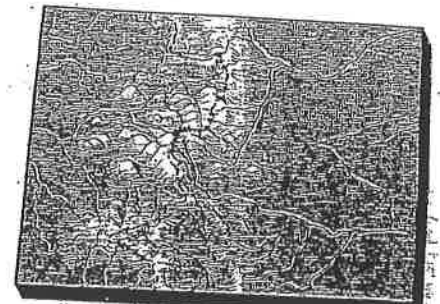
- mixing bowls
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 2 tablespoons cooking oil
- 3/4 cup water
- watercolor paints
- heavy cardboard
- pencil
- scissors

Instructions

1. Cut a piece of heavy cardboard from a shipping carton about 12 inches x 12 inches and trim the cardboard to fit the shape of Colorado.
2. While looking at a map of Colorado from your social studies book, form the mountains and plateaus out of salt dough (see recipe below).
3. Set aside to dry for a few days. After the map is dry, paint it with watercolors or poster paints. Use your watercolors to paint the mountains, rivers and valleys as follows: deserts=brown, woods=green, rivers=blue, mountains=brown, snow=purple.

Salt Dough:

Mix 2 cups flour, 1/2 cup salt and 3/4 cup water together to make a dough. Knead it three to four minutes. To make it more sticky, add a little water. To make it less sticky, add a little flour.



1. The Colorado Plateau
2. The Rocky Mountains
3. The Great Plains

