

## Make an Egyptian Scarab Beetle Amulet

The Ancient Egyptians wore amulets as charms to bring luck and protect themselves from bad luck.

Scarab beetle amulets, which were a symbol of the sun-god Khepri, were thought to protect the mummy's heart .

### To make your own scarab beetle amulet you will need:

- A small amount of air dry clay (salt dough or playdough would also work)
- Modelling tools or a pencil
- Paint - gold (or turquoise/ blue to resemble Egyptian faience)
- Board or mat



### Instructions:



**1.** Take a small piece of clay and roll it into a ball.



**2.** Now roll it between your hands to make it an egg shape.



**3.** Flatten the clay gently with your hand. Make sure you do not press too hard as you do not want it to be too thin.



**4.** Press carefully around the edges with your finger to create a curved top and flat bottom for your beetle.



**5.** Using a clay tool or pencil draw lines to create the different segments of the beetle's body.





**6.** Now create patterns on your scarab beetle.

You could give it eyes, draw hieroglyphs or just interesting patterns like dots and stripes. Make sure that you press quite well into the clay so that the lines show up well.



**7.** Paint your scarab beetle.

Do not use too much paint. If you paint too thickly, you will not see the patterns. If you do cover your patterns, don't worry. You can go over them again with your tool after you have finished painting your scarab.

You now have your own Egyptian amulet. Have a go at making your own good luck charm by making something that is important to you.