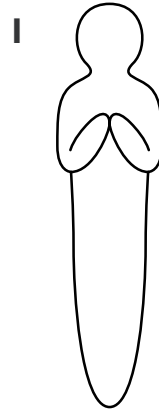
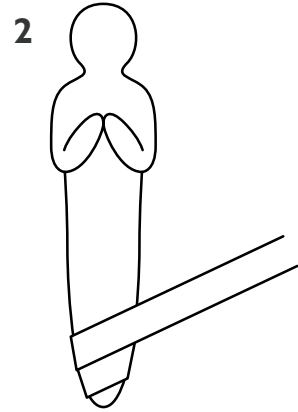


Wrapping up a mummy

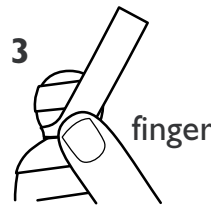
1. Make a Plasticine body about 8 cm long shaped as diagram 1 shows.



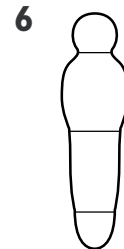
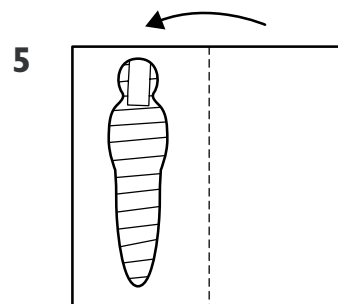
2. Take some cloth that is about 1.5 cm wide and 60 cm long and begin wrapping the feet as diagram 2 shows. You will need to use a second piece of cloth. When you come to the end of a piece of cloth just press it into the Plasticine.



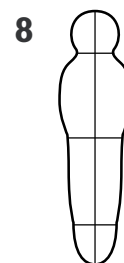
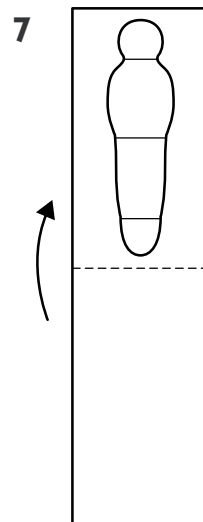
3. When you reach the top of the head, wind back down to the neck. Then press the cloth onto the back of the neck and draw it over the top of the head as diagrams 3 and 4 show.



4. Bring down the cloth over the face that has been previously wrapped. Cut off any long length of cloth remaining and press the short end into the chest.



5. Spread a piece of cloth that is 12 cm by 10 cm and place the wrapped body on it as shown in diagram 5. Cover the mummy as the arrow shows.



6. Use fine string or thread to tie the cloth in place as diagram 6 shows,

7. Spread a piece of cloth 10 cm by 25 cm and place the wrapped body on it as diagram 7 shows. Cover the mummy as the arrow shows.

8. Tie up the mummy as diagram 8 shows.

Wrapping up a mummy

Age range

- Years 3/4 (SP4/5).
- Years 5/6 (SP6/7).

Resources

Copies of the worksheet. Plasticine, bandage 10 cm wide cut into 60 cm strips 1.5 cm wide, bandage 10 cm wide and 12 cm long, bandage 10 cm wide and 25 cm long, fine string or thread, scissors.

Using the worksheet

After the students have read about mummies in the student book, tell them that they are going to have a mummy wrapping competition. The way the mummy is wrapped in this activity is much simpler than the way mummies were wrapped in ancient Egypt but it allows the students to experience the wrapping process and to realise that the wrapped mummy was enclosed in two sheets and securely tied. There may be times when the students experience difficulty such as enclosing the feet and covering the head or running out of bandage. At these times the students can press the bandage into the Plasticine to hold it in place. At the end of the activity, you could line up the mummies and see how neatly they have been wrapped.

Younger students

You may like to have a team of teacher helpers in class to help some of the students.

Outcomes

The students can:

- Follow instructions and diagrams to wrap a model mummy.
- Appreciate some of the skills required by the people who wrapped the mummies.

Older students

The students work on their own.

Outcomes

The students can:

- Follow instructions and diagrams to wrap a model mummy.
- Appreciate some of the skills required by the people who wrapped the mummies.