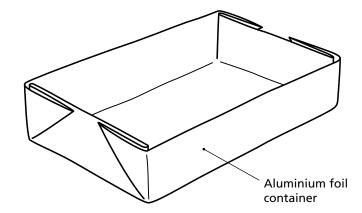


Based on pages 10 and 11 of Changing materials

## **Investigating plaster of Paris**

Try this...

**1.** Take four pieces of aluminium foil and fold up their edges to make four containers like the one in the diagram.



- **2.** Put a teaspoonful of plaster of Paris in a bowl. Add a teaspoon of water and mix thoroughly.
- **3.** Put the mixture into one of the containers.
- **4.** Repeat steps 2 and 3, but use two teaspoons of plaster of Paris instead of one.
- **5.** Repeat steps 2 and 3, but use three teaspoons of plaster of Paris instead of one.
- **6.** Predict what may happen when you use four teaspoons of plaster of Paris instead of one.
- **7.** Test your prediction.
- **8.** How could you make the mixture useful?
- **9.** Test your idea.
- **10.** Work out plans to test the following ideas:
  - (a) Plaster of Paris can be made into a thin sheet.
  - (b) Plaster of Paris can be used to stick gravel together.
- **11.** Try your plans if your teacher agrees.