

# Build Your Own Gaudi Structure



## A C T I V I T Y S H E E T

In 1963 Goldstein was awarded a Fulbright Foundation Grant for study in Spain. The work of Spanish architect Antonio Gaudi inspires the organic nature of Goldstein's work. When you look at the architectural creations of Gaudi in Barcelona, Spain, you may be reminded of drip sand castles you could make on the beach. His buildings, parks and sculptural creations look fantastic, unreal and imaginary. But they are very real! For more information on Gaudi, visit:

[www.greatbuildings.com/architects/Antonio\\_Gaudi.html](http://www.greatbuildings.com/architects/Antonio_Gaudi.html)

## Create!

Remember to ask a grown-up at home for permission before you do this project!

## Sand Clay (recipe below)

Assorted glass and plastic beads, stones, mosaic tiles and found objects

White glue (Elmer's, Weldbond or Gorilla Glue are best)

Heavy cardboard or wood for a base

Make the sand clay. While the clay is still soft, build a small structure of your choosing using the wood or cardboard as a base. It will help to glue the part of the base the clay will be attached to, to strengthen the connection and make the 3-D project stronger. Decide on the overall form of the creation. If you want it to be fairly tall, work around a form. A paper tube or small box will work fine.

As you are building, press small colored objects into the clay. Put a drop of glue on the object before pressing it into the clay. Let dry when you are finished. Some cracks may appear, but they will add nicely to the overall effect of your Gaudi-inspired construction.

## Sand Clay Recipe

2 cups sifted sand

1 cup corn starch

1 ½ cups cold water

Use a heavy pan that you would buy at a thrift store (you may ruin the pan when you make this clay!), and get a sturdy wooden spoon for stirring. Cook all three ingredients over medium heat, stirring constantly for 5 – 10 minutes until the mixture is very thick. Remove clay from the pot, lay it on a clean surface and cover it with a damp cloth. Cool. Knead 2 or 3 times. Keep the clay moist. This clay may be stored overnight in a tightly wrapped plastic bag.

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