

# WATER BOTTLE MUMMIES

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**Age Range:** Any

**Description:** Create your very own mummy without using any hot glue! All you need is a plastic bottle, and an old t-shirt!

**Historic Context:** Early in Ancient Egyptian history, loved ones who passed were buried in pits directly in the sand of the Egyptian desert. The dry climate of the desert would naturally preserve the bodies of the dead, however, as Egyptian beliefs evolved, tombs were used and the environment would no longer naturally preserve the bodies. Thus, the process of mummification was developed in order to maintain the body of passed loved ones. The process was quite sophisticated and has proved itself with many mummies today over 5,000 years old!

**Time:** 30+ min

**Materials Needed:** old t-shirt, water bottle, scissors, paper

## STEP ONE: CUT OFF THE TOP OF THE WATER BOTTLE



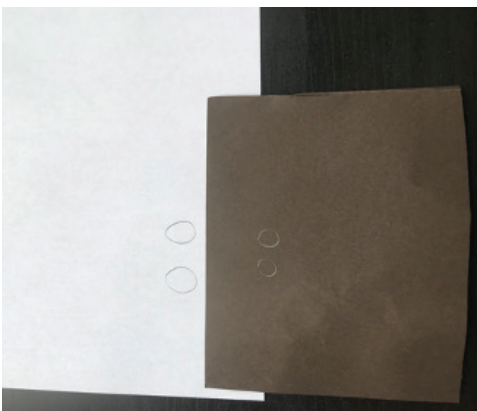
## STEP TWO: TEAR APART THE T-SHIRT INTO A COUPLE OF STRANDS



**STEP THREE:** BEGIN WRAPPING THE FABRIC AROUND THE BOTTLE, TRY TO COVER ALL PLASTIC. WHEN YOU REACH THE END, TUCK THE END INTO ANOTHER PIECE AND IT SHOULD STAY.



**STEP FOUR:** DRAW AND CUT OUT THE EYES



**STEP FIVE:** GIVE THE MUMMY A FACE!

