Activity M1 (Archaeology)

What Lies Beneath!
Grow Your Own Cropmarks

Suitable for ages 5 plus with some adult help.

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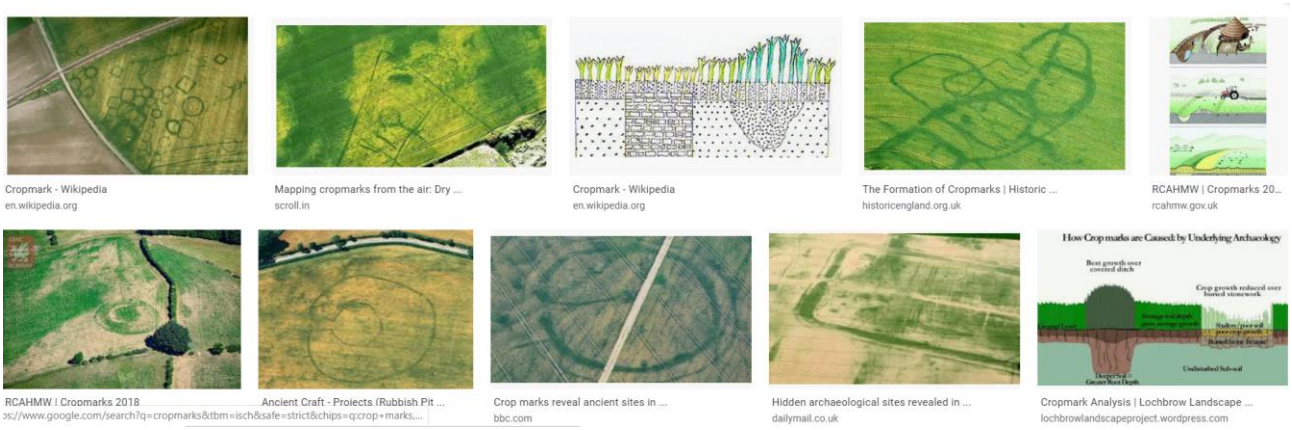
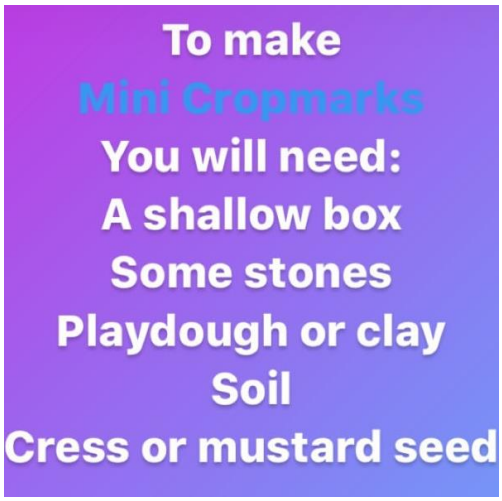
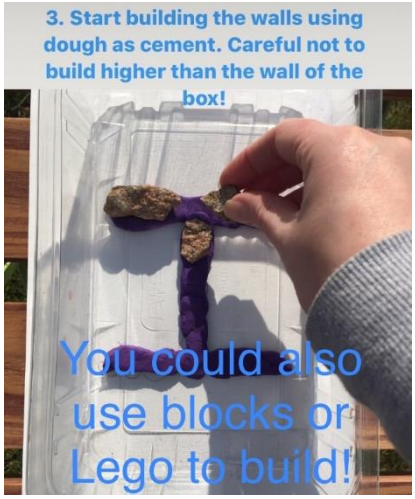
Cropmarks are marks on the landscape made by past, sometimes ancient, structures. Where stone foundations or remains of buildings lie **beneath** the surface the grass or crops **on the surface** do not grow so well. Using aerial photography (photos taken from high up in the air by plane or drone) archaeologists can see these marks on the landscape and identify areas which may be worth excavating.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR GROWING YOUR OWN CROPMARK





Once you have harvested your cress or mustard, you can practice your archaeological excavation skills! You don't need any special tools – spoons, paintbrushes and sticks are all useful. Don't forget to share your progress photos with us on Facebook and Instagram #ElginMuseumfromHome