

Make your own shabti

You will need:

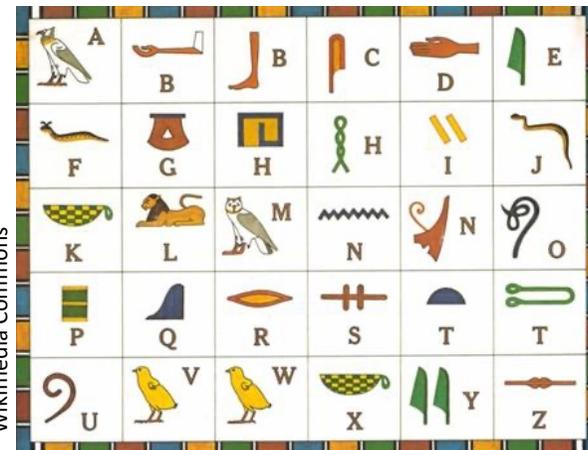
- Air drying or modelling clay
- Clay carving tools or a knife and cocktail sticks
- Hieroglyph alphabet
- A scrap notebook or piece of paper
- (Optional) acrylic paint

Make it:

- Before you make your clay shabti, plan out the message you want to put on the surface in your notebook. You will need to carve this message into the surface before it dries.
- Use the Hieroglyph alphabet translation chart to plan your message.
- Now shape your piece of clay into a small shabti shape – maximum 10cm height. Use the image of Seti's shabti to help you get the right shape.
- Whilst the clay is still wet carve your hieroglyph message onto the surface.
- Paint your shabti if you want to change its colour.



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A	B	C	D	E	
F	G	H	I	J	
K	L	M	N	O	
P	Q	R	S	T	
U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Hieroglyph alphabet | CC BY-SA 4.0 |
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Make a giant classroom shabti

You will need:

- Newspaper
- Kitchen roll
- Masking tape
- PVA glue (mixed with a little water to make it slightly runny)
- Paint (choose colours for your shabti to recreate the materials it was made from and the hieroglyphs used on its surface)
- Hieroglyph alphabet translation chart
- A scrap note book or piece of paper

Make it massive:

- Read through the instructions below and create a number of groups to carry out different tasks.
- Screw up sheets of newspaper to form into a head shape and a body shape. Make the head and body life-sized. (You might want to draw around someone's body as a guide)
- Attach the head and body shape by wrapping masking tape around the whole thing. You need to cover the whole shabti with masking tape so you cannot see any of the newspaper.
- Put your PVA water mix into a shallow bowl.
- Dip pieces of kitchen roll into the PVA mixture before wrapping your shabti completely in the strips. You can paint the PVA mixture onto the strips when they are on your shabti if that is easier.
- You will need to leave your shabti to dry for at least 24 hours before adding another layer of PVA-soaked kitchen roll strips. Add another layer after another 24 hours to make your model stronger.
- Wait for your shabti to be completely dry before you paint it.
- On your scrap paper, plan the Hieroglyphic message you want to write on your shabti. (You will need the hieroglyph translator chart. Paint or draw your hieroglyph message onto your shabti.

Hieroglyph alphabet

 A	 B	 B	 C	 D	 E
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 K	 L	 M	 N	 N	 O
 P	 Q	 R	 S	 T	 T
 U	 V	 W	 X	 Y	 Z