

Museums Worcestershire Make-athon Challenges

Ancient Egypt: Jewellery

Learn more about the history of Ancient Egypt and have a go at making your own Ancient Egyptian collar from a paper plate!



Discover

1. A lot of the finds in Museums Worcestershire's collection come from excavations at Harageh, a cemetery site in Egypt which was excavated in 1913-14 by Reginald Engelbach and Sir Flinders Petrie.
2. The excavation team included Mr Frost who was responsible for packing the finds. He acquired some of the finds which were given to Worcester Girls Grammar School and later offered to the Museum by Miss D Frost (probably a relation of Mr Frost).
3. One of the objects in the collection is a small pot, believed to be an offering cup. The Ancient Egyptians believed that certain rituals were necessary to ensure their immortality after death; these included burying pots filled with substances such as oils, wine and perfume.
4. There are several shabti figures in the collection, made either of clay, wood or bronze. A shabti (also known as ushabti or shawabti) is a funerary figure, about 5-30cm and in the shape of a male or female mummy; they are found in many ancient Egyptian tombs.
5. Ancient Egyptian men, women and children loved jewellery and wore it as an adornment to show their social status and as protection. It was often made from silver, gold, copper, gemstones and coloured glass beads. Trendy Ancient Egyptians favoured wide collars, rings, earrings, and bracelets worn at the wrist, upper arm and around the ankle.

Explore

Find out more about our Egypt collection

https://www.museumsworcestershire.org.uk/avada_portfolio/egyptian-collection/

Find out more about the items that Ancient Egyptian people placed in tombs and why. Maybe start with a shabti

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/what-is-a-shabti>

Create

Make your own Ancient Egyptian collar and decorate it with, gold, silver and beads. Take a large paper plate or a circle of card, cut out the middle to make a collar shape and decorate. Add ribbon or wool to fasten it.



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