

# The Loom: Making Mummies

Year 1, Week 2, hands-on projects, one suggestion is a papier maché mummy. The blue student pages tell how to make the papier maché glue and strips, but there aren't any instructions for actually making the mummy form. Various moms have approached the problem various ways. Here are a few of their ideas:



1. What I ended up doing was making the form of a cat out of aluminum foil (just not talented enough to form a human body, and our museum had a mummified cat when we went). Then they did the papier maché over that. Having a small scale project went over well. It was enjoyable as well as manageable. I hope that helps!  
—Jen

2. I saw one somewhere that had a balloon for the head taped on to a body that had been formed from wadded up newspaper covered in masking tape.

We did ours by making a very small body out of clay, then covered it in papier maché. It was such a big hit that we went on to cover a pencil case with air dry clay and paint it like a sarcophagus. My kids loved it and the grandparents were very impressed.  
—Libi

3. In preparation, I went to the thrift store and bought a Barbie doll figurine for each of them. They were less than \$1.50 each. (If you have boys, I'd suggest a male action figure — GI Joe?).  
—Christine

4. We made the mummy out of modeling clay and bought pre-pasted strips of gauze and wrapped him up. We carved the sarcophagi out of foam flower bricks and covered them with papier maché, using a rolled-up paper towels to make a 3-D head and body, then painted.  
—Karen

