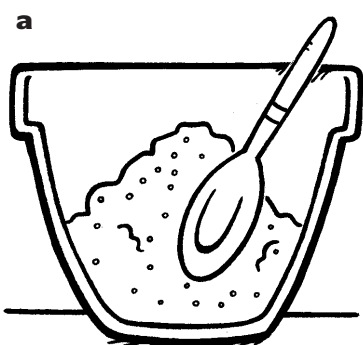


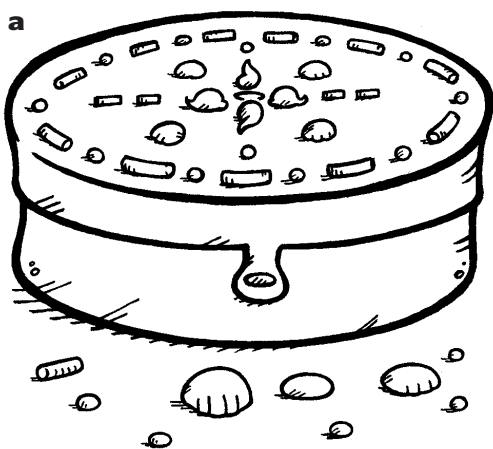
# Getting messy (contd)

## Messy mitts

Invite your child to mix, make and model pliable dough. Help them to stir one cup of salt into a bowl containing one and a half cupfuls of warm water. When dissolved, add four cupfuls of flour (a). Begin by mixing the ingredients with a spoon, then take turns to knead the dough by hand (b). Encourage your child to use the dough to make small three-dimensional minibeast models, for example, worms, bugs, snails and slugs. Bake in a hot oven until hard.



**top tip** Sit the minibeasts on a messy mud pie with twigs, leaves, grass and stones to create a miniature play world (c).

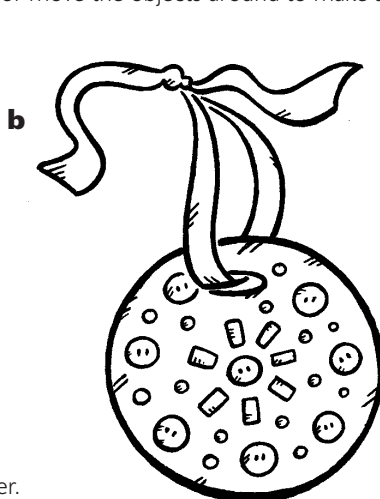


**top tip** Glue the design on to the lid of a small box to create a special jewellery box, money box or treasure box (a). Alternatively, attach a loop of ribbon to create a decorative wall plaque (b) or help your child to write a message on the reverse side to create a special gift tag (c).

## Sticky fingers

Invite your child to make a textured collage. Help them to make a collection of small, interesting objects, for example, pasta shells, real shells, dried beans or noodles, beads, buttons, seeds, ribbon, artificial flowers and so on.

Help your child to cover a small disc of thick corrugated card in washable PVA white glue (this glue will turn transparent when dry). Work together by pressing the assortment of objects into the glue. Create a random design or move the objects around to make a pleasing pattern. Leave to dry.



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