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67-million-year-old Tyrannosaurus rex.

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amber, a yellow-ish material that oozes

out of trees and becomes hard, often trapping insects inside. Sue became an

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It took Sue's team more than two weeks to get all the T. rex bones out of the cliff. That's when they learned this wasn't just any T. rex fossil. It was the largest ever discovered, standing at 40 feet long and 13 feet tall. It was also the most complete, with 90% of its bones found.

"Sue the T. rex" was purchased for \$8.4 million by Chicago's Field Museum. 12 museum workers spent 30,000 hours preparing the bones for display. You can see the famous "Sue" yourself if you're ever in Chicago!



T. rex specimen discovered by Sue Hendrickson

Salt Dough Fossils Activity

Since you probably don't have T. rex bones sticking out of your backyard for exploring, make your own "fossils" with salt dough!



- · 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- ¾ cup water
- Bowl
- · Baking sheet
- · Parchment paper
- · Optional: small dinosaur or figurine





In a bowl, combine the flour, salt, and % cup water until a dough forms. Add more flour or water if needed.



Cover your baking sheet with parchment.



Break off small chunks of dough, flattening them into cookie-shaped mounds on the baking sheet.



Use toys or your fingers to press a "fossil" print onto each mound.



When you're done, bake the mounds at 200 degrees until dry. This could take anywhere from 1 to 3 hours.

