

# Family Fun UN-FEST 2021

May 6<sup>th</sup> – May 16<sup>th</sup> 11 Days of Virtual Discovery

in conjunction with REMAKE LEARNING DAYS  
NORTHWESTERN PA

Activity: *Wild About 4-H*

Learning Theme(s):



Provided by: Indiana County 4-H

# Supplies and Instructions



## **SUPPLIES**

- Plaster of Paris
- Water
- A popsicle stick
- Vaseline
- A large plastic cup (specifically the rims)
- A plastic container

## **STEPS**

1. Cut the rim off of the large plastic cup. Make sure the rim is 2-3 inches deep and about 3-4 inches across – think of a large McDonald's cup.
2. Go outside and find an animal track you want to cast. This can be at a local park or in your backyard. If you can't find a wildlife track such as white-tailed deer or raccoon, you can use your pet, if you have one.

3. Put Vaseline on the inside of the cup rim. This will ensure the track cast comes out smoothly.
4. Set the cup rim over the track you want to cast, keeping the track in the center of the rim and press down firmly into the mud.
5. Mix the Plaster of Paris with the water in a 2 to 1 ratio. The mixture should be the consistency of a milkshake. Make enough to fill the cup rim completely full. You may need to mix more.
6. Leave the wet cast sit for at least 30 minutes or until dry.
7. Remove the cup rim from the hard cast.
8. Remove the mud, dirt, and debris from the cast. You can use an old toothbrush to clean the cast and remove dirt that is hard to reach.