

Seal making

without carving!



In medieval times most people couldn't read or write, so wax seals on letters acted as signatures to show who sent them. The words and images on the stamps (seal matrices) would have been unique to the person that used them. The seal matrix (2cm wide) and wax seal pictured above belonged to William de Westondeb - they were found at Linlithgow Palace.

Here are some simple seal-making play suggestions. All you'll need is some home-made or shop-bought playdough and time to experiment.



Collect lots of objects that you think could make interesting patterns.



Roll out some playdough (make sure it's fairly thick) and get stamping!



Leaves often have deeper veins on the underside!



Try lots of combinations until you find the perfect one for you.

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