

## Art Artifact: Model of the Great Sphinx or a Pyramid

The pyramids are the stone tombs of Egypt's kings - the Pharaohs and one of the world's greatest historical mysteries. They have stood for thousands of years, filled with many hidden secrets: clues about what life (and death) was like in Ancient Egypt. The

Egyptians believed that if the pharaoh's body could be mummified after death the pharaoh would live forever. The tombs were designed to protect the buried Pharaoh's body and



his belongings. The Egyptians built the pyramids next to the Nile River so it would be easier to get the blocks to the pyramid. These stones could be bought nearer to the pyramid building site by boat.

The Great Pyramid is the largest and most famous of the pyramids. It was built for the Pharaoh Khufu. It is over 140 metres high and took 20 years to build.

The Sphinx stands in front of all the pyramids in Giza. It has the body of a lion and the head of a pharaoh.

Build a model or diorama of a pyramid or the Great Sphinx. You can use whatever materials you have handy cardboard, sugar cubes, clay, etc.

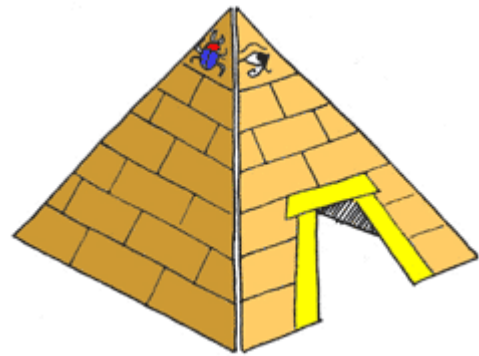
Here are a few suggestions, but you may create your project as you wish.

## The Pyramid

Back in ancient times, the Egyptians built pyramids out of huge blocks of stones. For this fun project, you won't have to worry about rocks, or even pebbles. In fact, you can even eat this pyramid while you make it! You'll need about 220 **sugar cubes**, so raid your mom's kitchen cupboard for a new package.

1. **Glue one side** of a sugar cube onto a big piece of cardboard. Make a square of 10 cubes across and 10 cubes down.
2. Make a second layer of 9 cubes, but glue this row about two cm in from the first row.
3. Continue these steps, using eight cubes, then seven and so on until you reach the top.
4. Once you're done with the glue, you can paint your pyramid!

OR you could try to make yours out of cardboard.



OR clay..... just have fun!