

Make your own Ancient Egyptian Bracelet



These painted cloth bracelets were found in a tomb and are now on display in the British Museum.



Painted Shabthi Box

The Ancient Egyptians used colours such as

- red – from red ochre
- Yellow -from yellow ochre
- Green – from malachite
- Black – from carbon
- White – from calcite
- Blue – from a mix of natural ingredients heated to a high temperature.

The pigments were ground into a fine powder and mixed with something sticky to make a paste.

1. Make sure there is a hole at either end of your piece of card.
2. Use a pencil to draw your design onto the card.
3. Colour in your design using colouring pencils or paints.
4. Carefully roll the card around a tin can so that it becomes curved.
5. Ask a friend to help you fasten your bracelet with the string.

Materials needed:

- Card, cut into strips
- Hole punch/sharp pencil to make holes
- Pencils
- Rulers
- Colouring pencils (watercolour pencils work really well) or paints.
- String
- Tin can