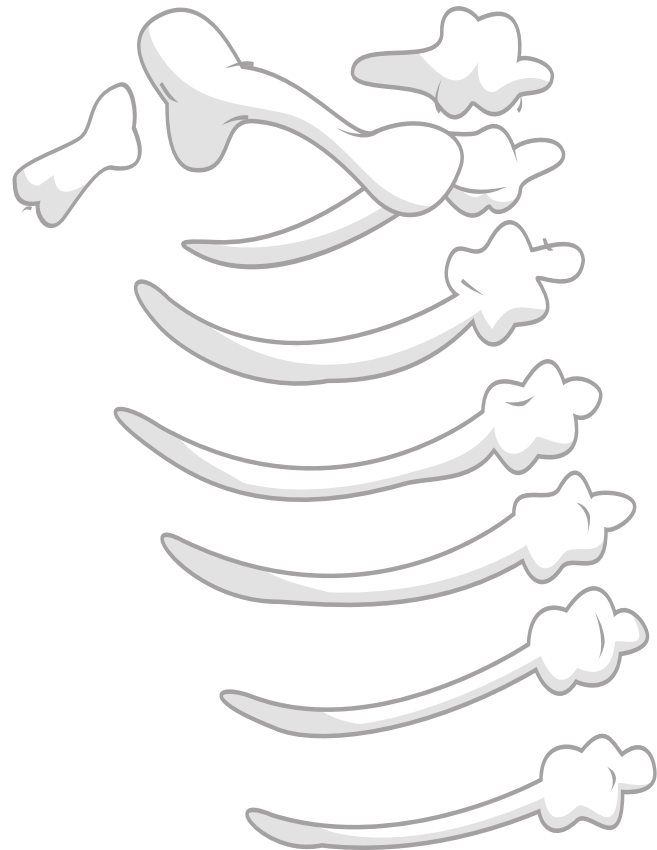
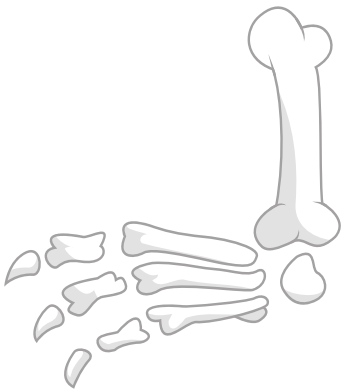
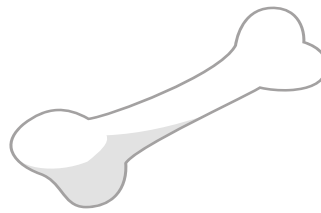


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If you can't wait to restock actual modeling clay or your playdough - then you can try out these recipes with readily available kitchen ingredients....

Recipes

Air Hardening Modeling Clay

- 2 cups baking soda
- 1 cup cornstarch (cornflour)
- 1.5 cups cold water
- (makes about 2 pounds - the recipe can be halved).

Baking soda and cornstarch make a smooth, pliable play clay that can be colored with everyday food coloring - or left white and painted once it hardens. When you have made your model, leave it to air dry - turning every 12 hours or so.

Place ingredients in a pan and stir until smooth. Set the pan over a medium heat and stir until boiling. Stir out any lumps and cook until it is the consistency of mashed potatoes.

Turn out onto a plate and cover with a damp, well-wrung kitchen towel - let cool. Dust a work surface with cornstarch and knead until pliable.

Playdough

Emily's Fantastic No Cook Playdough Recipe

This one was doing the rounds when my children were toddlers. Not sure who Emily is - but her recipe is great!

- 2 cups of plain/all-purpose flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup cold water
- 1 tbspn oil (vegetable oil is fine - baby oil smells lovely).

Drop the ingredients into a plastic bag and seal. Let the children knead them together inside the bag - then tip it out for modeling fun.