

What's inside a Gallery backpack?

Gallery backpacks are designed to engage families with the galleries. They include an activity booklet which will guide you around the museum, giving you information about the collection and activities you can complete along the route.

Available every weekend throughout the year from the Families desk in the Great Court. Each activity backpack can take up to 90 minutes to complete, and there is limited availability.

The descriptions give an overview of items and activities in each backpack. The sensory experiences for each backpack are colour coded using the key below.



Look



Smell



Feel



Listen

Egyptian Mummy Backpack

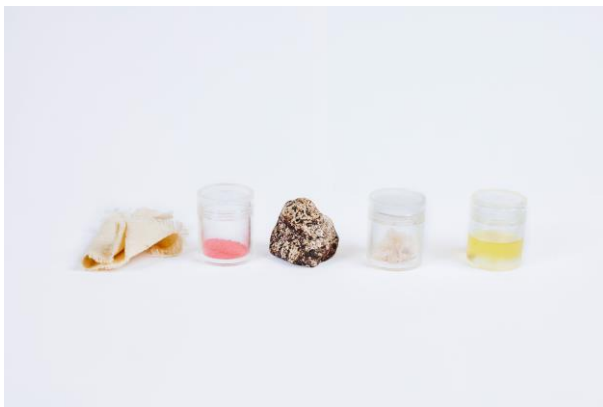
This bag contains 6 activities.
Suitable for ages 5–9.



Look at and **feel** the felt body parts.
Place them on the body outline.

Look at the Canopic jars in the picture and find them in the museum.

Look at the white crystals in the container and guess what they are.



Look at and **feel** the 5 materials (3 in containers).

Match the materials to their descriptions.



Amulets are small objects thought to provide protection.

Take turns to put on the blindfold and **feel** the different amulets.

Look in the museum case and find the amulet you felt.

Egyptian Mummy Backpack



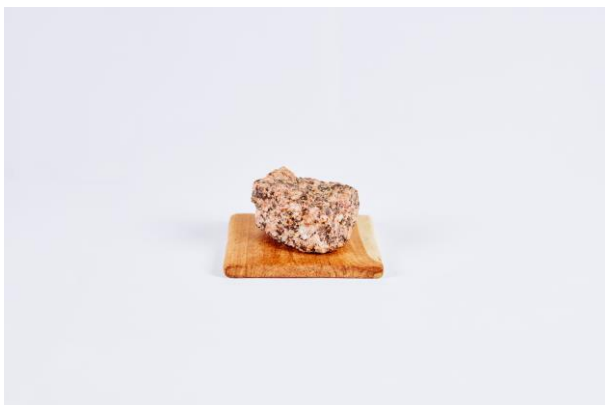
Hieroglyphs are Ancient Egyptian picture writing.

Feel the pictures and use them to write your name in hieroglyphs.



Look at and **feel** the toy animals.

Match them to mummies on display.



Using the blindfold, **feel** the 2 materials and guess what they are.

African Adventure Backpack

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Suitable for ages 5–9.



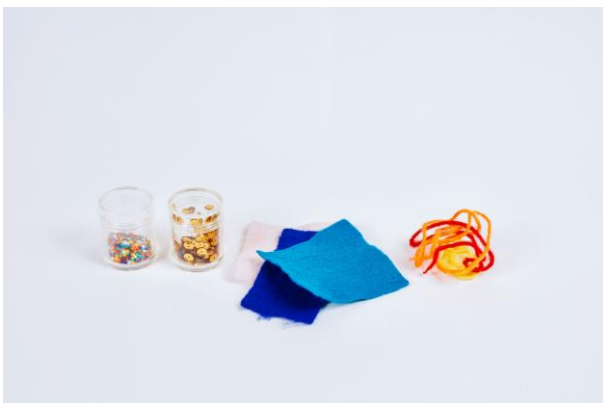
Look at and **feel** the magnetic clothes pieces.

Use them to dress the Chief using the whiteboard.



Look at and **feel** the 5 toy animals.

Match them to objects in the museum case.



Feel the coloured wools, cottons, material pieces, sequins and beads.

Match them to clothes in the collection.

African Adventure Backpack



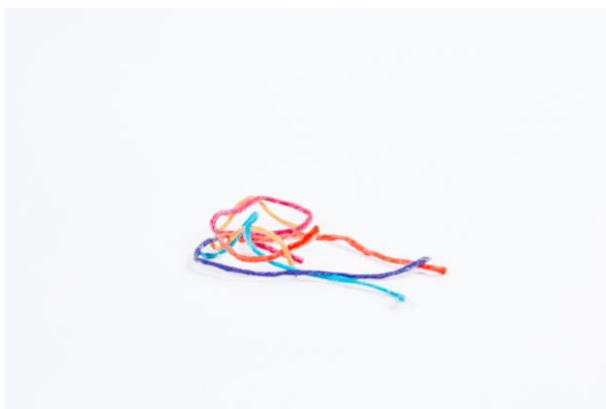
Feel the felt hat, textured materials, feathers and shells. Use them to create your own mask.

Use the mirror to **see** how you look.



Using the blindfold, **feel** the different pot patterns.

Match them to pots on display.



Use the colourful Wikki-sticks to make your own coilpot.

Life in Ancient Greece Backpack

This bag contains 6 activities.
Suitable for ages 5–9.



Feel the tunic and cord belt.

Use them to dress up as an Ancient Greek.



Look at the pictures and put them in the correct places to recreate the Nereid Monument, a large tomb built 2400 years ago.



Smell each of the 3 containers. Each one smells of a different item kept in Ancient Greek pots. (Olive oil, wine and perfume).



Listen to the story of Herakles' Labours.

Look at the 5 pot paintings and place them on the large pot in the order Herakles carried them out in the story.

Jobs in Roman Britain Backpack

This bag contains 7 activities.
Suitable for ages 7–11.



Look at and **feel** the 3 pieces of different textured building materials (flint, mortar and tile).

Match them to materials on the ruined building.



Look at the 4 mosaic fragments and match them to mosaics in the museum.

Feel the felt pieces and felt board. Use them to create your own mosaic.



Look at and **feel** the 4 objects (miniature frying pan, spoon, key and knife).

Match them to items in the Roman Britain cases.



Look at and **feel** the sandal.

Try it on and imagine what it would have been like to wear these shoes for marching.

Jobs in Roman Britain Backpack



Look at the 5 magnetic armour pieces.

Put them on the right place on the soldier.



Feel the wax tablet and wooden stylus.

Use them to try writing in Latin.



Use the MP3 player and headphones to **listen** to descriptions of Roman gods & goddesses.

Match them to their statues in the museum.

Become an Archaeologist Backpack

This bag contains 6 activities.
Suitable for ages 8–12.



Look at the compass and instructions.

Use them to find your way to the starting gallery.



Look at and **feel** the 3 pots of food and 2 pieces of fruit.

Match them to the remains in the palace kitchen.



Look at the museum case. Can you find the skeleton?

Use the magnetic skeleton pieces to copy the skeleton's position.



The **Standard of Ur** is a flat, box-like object decorated with pictures.

Look at and **feel** the 3 materials.

Find where they have been used on the Standard.

Become an Archaeologist Backpack



The **Standard of Ur** has 2 sides, one shows a picture of War and the other Peace.

Look at the pieces and complete the jigsaw of the Peace Side.



Look at and **feel** 2 copies of cylinder seals from the museum's collection.



Lamassu are mythical creatures that are part-human, part-bird and part animal. They were used for protection.

Feel the building blocks. Put them together to create 2 Lamassu creatures: the lion and the bull.



Look at the 8 panel drawings. Place them in the same order as the panels in the throne room.

Match the descriptions to the correct panels.

Marvellous Mexico Backpack

This bag contains 6 activities.
Suitable for ages 8–12.



Look around the gallery and find the 5 Aztec Gods shown in the illustrations.

Match the God to their description and object.



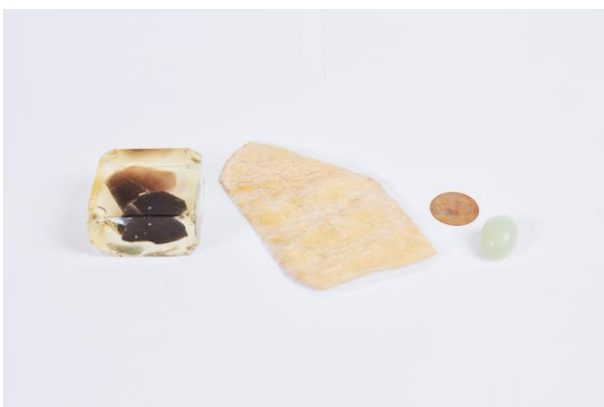
Look at and **feel** the 5 plastic animals.

Match them to objects in the gallery.



Look at the piece of turquoise in the Perspex box and compare it to the two-headed serpent on display.

Feel the felt board and colourful felt pieces. Use them to make your own mosaic.



Look at and **feel** the 4 pieces of material (obsidian, jade, copper and laminated gold leaf).

Match them to objects made from them in the case.

Marvellous Mexico Backpack



Look at the different colours of the peacock feather.

Smell the cacao beans – do they smell like chocolate?



Look at and **feel** the wooden Aztec calendar.

Learn about the Counting of the Days.



Lord Bird Jaguar was a ruler of an ancient Maya city and a famous warrior.

Look at and **feel** the 6 magnetic clothing pieces.

Use them to dress Lord Bird Jaguar.