

Fossil Puzzles

When Paleontologists dig up fossils, they are not always in the correct order. Sometimes they need to figure out the order of the pieces, like a puzzle. With this activity, your little one will piece together the clues of the fossils to create the complete skeleton of a couple of Ice Age giants: the Harlan's ground sloth and the Smilodon, or sabertooth cat.

You'll need:

- Fossil puzzle templates printed on cardstock or other heavyweight paper
- Scissors
- Optional: cardboard and glue

What to do:

- 1. Cut out the puzzle pieces along the blue line.
- 2. Mix up the pieces and try to solve the puzzle.
- 3. *Optional:* glue pieces onto the cardboard before cutting out the puzzle to make it more durable.



