Nature’s Concrete

**What You'll Need:**
Water, clean sand, cornstarch, pot or bowl

**What You'll Do:**
For thousands of years, people have mixed sand with other natural ingredients to make bricks, pots, and other things they need. You can do the same thing.

1. With the help of a parent or adult, boil some water.
2. For each cup of clean sand, mix 1/2 cup of cornstarch and 1/2 cup of boiling water in a sturdy pot or bowl.
3. Stir the mixture several times as it cools.
4. Shape the mixture into pots and jars, or make sculptures of animals or other shapes.
5. To harden the concrete, bake your creations in a 300°F oven for one hour.
6. Let it cool completely before handling.