

Project	Farm/Property	Test Pit No.
Date	Field/Area	
Conditions	Diggers	

Location	Easting:	Northing:	m aOD:
	Centre point surveyed with: Map / Leisure-grade GPS / Mapping-grade GPS / Survey-grade GPS / Total Station		

Excavation

Dig the test pit in level **spits**, trowel-scraping and collecting all the loose spoil in a bucket. All the spoil needs to be sieved to make sure all finds are recovered. Stop when you have excavated a spit of 100 mm or when there is a clear change of deposit.

Record the test pit at this level before excavating the next spit. Put all your finds from the spit just completed in a sealed bag and mark it with the **site code**, **test pit number** and **spit number**.

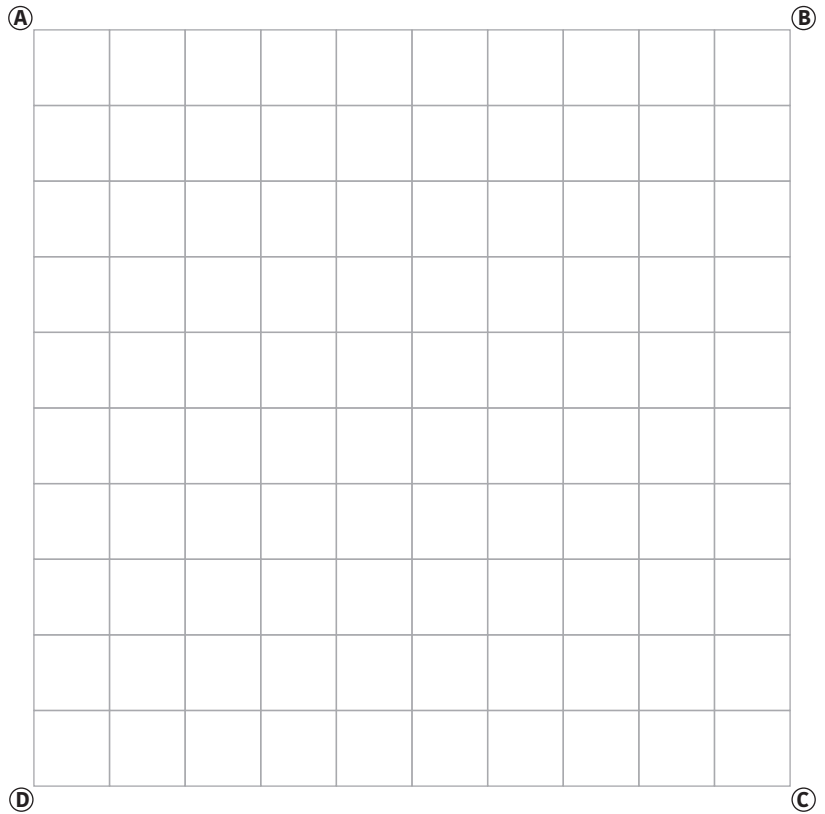
Record each spit using one of the blocks below, referring to the plan overleaf for the corner depths. If you have more than seven spits then continue onto a second sheet. When you reach natural ground, record both the final spit you excavated and the deposit at the base of the pit in separate blocks

Recording Spits	SPIT NO.	% composition of:	Soil	Colour	
	Depth from surface at corners (mm)		Sand		
	A	B	% composition of:	Silt	Compaction
	C	D		Clay	
			% composition of:	Stones (inc. avge size in mm)	
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Plan of Test Pit Base

Drawn at 1:10, each square in the grid to the right is 100 mm in the base of the test pit.

Remember to annotate the drawing and draw an accurate north arrow below.

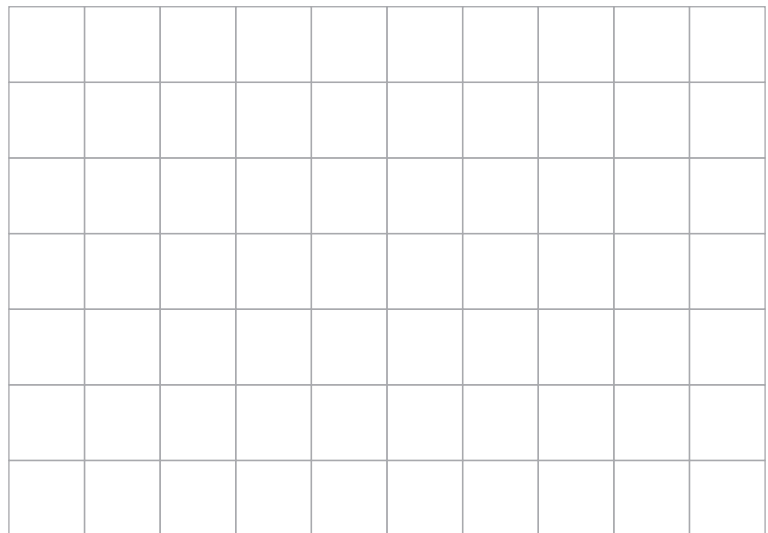


Section of Test Pit

Draw the most representative section (vertical side) of the test pit at 1:10. Each square in the grid to the right is 100 mm on the side of the test pit.

The ground level is at the top. Remember to note the numbers at the top two corners of the drawing to show which section of the test pit this is in relation to the plan drawing above.

If the test pit is deeper than 700 mm, then draw the section on a larger drawing board or use the plan grid from a second sheet



Where finds are recovered from a spit, note the spit number against the relevant find types

Finds	Slag/Clinker		Fab./Leather		Faunal	
	Lithics		Metal		Ceramics	
	Hum. Bone		Glass		CBM	
	Shell		Wood		Clay Pipe	

Photography		Photo Filename	Facing Direction	Scale(s)
	Base of Test Pit			
	Side 1			
	Side 2			
	Side 3			
	Side 4			
	Context Shot 1			
	Context Shot 2			