

Fifth Grade

Lace Plate

Materials needed:

- Box of clay labeled with teacher's name (1½ pound per project)
- Spray bottle of water and sponges
- 6 Drying boards – (labeled with teacher's name and date)
- Sample projects (carried in padded box)
- 3 Clay Scrap Bags
- Lace doilies (in clear plastic bucket on supply shelf)
- Mats (1 per student)
- Plastic pipe roller (1 per student)
- Wooden slats (2 per student)
- Water bowls (fill with 1-2 inches of water in classroom)
- Round Plastic bowls/tubs (one for each child who wants to have a bowl or lip on their plate),
Get mostly 6" tubs, but also some smaller ones and some larger ones
- A couple of yellow square bottomed tubs for the kids who choose the square doily
- Newspaper
- White plastic toolbox of cutting tools (for writing names & cutting outline)

Procedure:

1. Display doilies in a central location.
2. Shape clay into a ball and then flatten. Roll out clay until roller rests on slats. Be sure to roll clay in all directions to get a round slab.
3. Loosen clay from mat.
4. Write child's first name, last initial and date on the bottom of the project.
5. Have child go choose a doily.
6. Place doily on slab and use roller to gently press into the clay.
7. Use the sharp cutting tool to cut out around doily. Leave about a 1/2-inch margin around the doily.
Remove doily and collect the clay scrap. Return doily to central location so someone else can use it.
8. Wet fingers and smooth out the outside edge of the plate.
9. Tear some newspaper into 10 inch square pieces and cover the upside down plastic tubs.
10. Gently flip the plates over the covered tubs and gently shape the outside edge of the plate down over the tub into an even, rounded form. Leave on the tubs to dry.
11. Place projects on drying board and return to Clay Room.
12. Clean up everything that was used and put everything back where it came from. Make sure doilies lie flat. Count tools in white plastic box.

