

Kindergarten

Pinch Pot

Materials needed:

- Box of clay labeled with teacher's name (1/2 pound per project)
- Spray bottle of water and sponges
- 2 drying boards – (labeled with teacher's name and date)
- Sample projects (carried in padded box)
- 1 Clay Scrap Bag
- Mats (1 per student)
- Water bowls (filled with 1-2 inches of water in classroom)
- White plastic toolbox of cutting tools (for writing names, making lines)
- Straws (for making circular patterns)
- Plastic forks (for making parallel lines)
- Plastic knives
- Jar of wooden and plastic blocks

Procedure:

1. Roll clay into a round ball.
2. Drop clay onto table to get a flat bottom.
3. Use thumbs to press down into the top middle of the clay ball. Slowly and gently squeeze the sides of the pot between thumbs and fingers, turning the pot frequently. For taller pots, pull the sides upwards while squeezing. For wider pots, pull sides outwards while squeezing. Continue until sides and bottom are between 1/4" and 1/2" thick.
4. Write child's first name, last initial and date on the bottom of the project.
5. Decorate. Use straws, forks, blocks, and round tipped tools to make lines and patterns on the pot.
6. Place projects on drying board and return to Clay Room.
7. Clean up everything that was used and put everything back where it came from. Count tools in white plastic box.

