

Second Grade

Clam Shell Soap Dish

Materials needed:

- Boxes of clay labeled with teacher's name (1 pound per project)
- Spray bottle of water and sponges
- 3 Drying boards – (labeled with teacher's name and date)
- Sample projects (carried in padded box)
- Clay Scrap Bag
- Clam Shell outline template (in clear plastic folders)
- 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)
- Newspaper
- White plastic toolbox of cutting tools (for writing names & cutting outline)
- Wooden dowels with splines or ridges

Procedure:

1. Roll out clay until roller rests on slats.
2. Loosen clay from mat.
3. Place clam shell template on slab and use roller to gently press into the clay.
4. Use the sharp cutting tool to cut out the clam shell shape. Remove template and collect most of the clay scrap, but leave about a 2" ball of scrap for feet for the dish.
5. Press wooden dowels lightly into the clay forming a fan pattern converging at the tail end of the shell.
5. Wad up a full sheet of newspaper into a round ball, then flatten it somewhat.
6. Turn the clay upside down over the ball of newspaper and work the clay down over the paper to form a shallow dish. Fold corners of tail up so that they are parallel to the tabletop. Leave clay on wads of newspaper to dry.
7. EITHER slightly flatten center of shell over newspaper so that it will lay flat when clay hardens OR roll three 3/4 inch balls of clay for the feet. Place one in the rear by the tail, and two at the rounded front, equally spaced about 2 inches apart, making sure to score the ball and the base where the ball will be connected to ensure the balls remain connected as the clay dries.
8. Write child's first name, last initial and date on the bottom of the project.
9. Place projects on drying board and return to Clay Room.
10. Clean up everything that was used and put everything back where it came from.
Count tools in blue plastic box.

