

Hand

Second Grade

Materials needed:

Box of clay labeled with teacher name
Bucket of water and sponges if not molding in classroom
3 Drying boards – (labeled with teacher's name and date)
Sample projects (carried in padded cardboard box)
3 Clay Scrap Bags
Mats
Plastic pipe roller
Wooden slats (2 each)
Water bowls and bottle of water
Newspaper
Box of cutting tools (for writing names & cutting hand outline)
Toothpicks (decorating and may be used for cutting hand outline as needed)
Wooden dowels, Straws, stamps and other decorating tools
(your choice—look around on the tools shelf)

Procedure:

1. Roll out clay until roller rests on slats. Be careful clay is not thinner than the slats or the fingers once cut out will fall apart/break.
2. Place less dominant hand on the slab- no need to press hard into the clay.
3. Use the toothpick or long wooden dowels, trace/cut out hand shape. Do this twice (it may be easier to trace the less dominant hand twice. IE: if they trace their left hand twice they can then flip the 2nd cutout hand over and it will become the right hand essentially).
4. Loosen clay from mat. Moisten and smooth the edges of the fingers.
5. Add any details at this time with the decorating tools or the children can choose to decorate only with the glaze during the glazing process.
6. Score and moisten the bottom of 1 hand and the top of the 2nd hand in the area where the two will overlap. Either leave the project flat like a plate or if they want it to be like a bowl, put a small wad of newspaper, approximately 10" x 10", in the middle of the attached hands and lay the project over the paper, bending the fingers to create a bowl. Be careful not to use too much paper. Leave the paper in place to hold the shape of the hand during drying.
7. Write child's first name, last initial and date along bottom of the hand.
8. Place projects on drying board and return to Clay Room.
9. Clean up everything that was used and put everything back where it came from.



The hands can be
overlapped and left flat
or curved like a bowl.