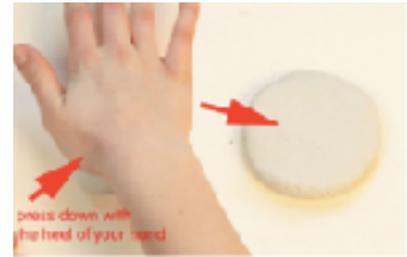


Air Dry Clay Activity

Coil Pot

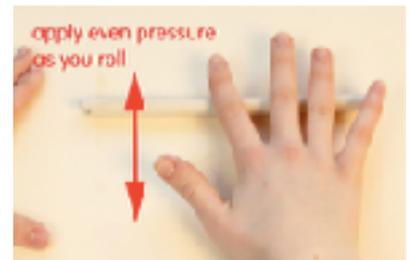
Step One

- 1 Take a small piece of clay about the size of a plum.
- 2 Roll it into a ball.
- 3 Place the ball on the plastic tablecloth
- 4 Press down with the heel of your hand to flatten it into a circle.
- 5 It should be about as thick as your small finger.
- 6 This will be the base of your pot.



Step Two

- 1 Take a small amount of clay and squeeze it into a long sausage shape.
- 2 Spread your fingers and apply even pressure as you roll the clay into a long cylinder.
- 3 Keep the thickness of the coil even and round.



Step Three

- 1 Roll several long, smooth coils and place them aside.



Step Four

- 1 Place the clay base on an upside down plastic container.
- 2 Use a tool or sharp pencil to make some scratch marks on the outer edge of the base.
- 3 *This is called SCORING the clay.*



Step Five

- 1 Use a toothbrush to apply slip to the score marks or even your own fingers!
- 2 - *to make the SLIP mix some clay with water until it is like a creamy milkshake*



Step Six

- 1 Place the coil on top of the scored clay.
- 2 Gently wind the coil around the outer edge of the base.
- 3 Make sure you blend each end of the clay coil into the clay.



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Step Seven

- 1 Continue adding coils, attaching one to another using the score and slip technique.
- 2 Blend the coils together on the inside of your pot.
- 3 Use the end of your tool or back of a spoon to blend the clay coils.
- 4 Support the outside of the pot with one hand when you are smoothing the inside.



you may now want to add any decorations to your pot? We sometimes add glitter to our clay at the beginning when squeezing the clay together, maybe add odd beads or gems the choice is yours!

Leave your pot to dry for a couple of days, it will be hard to the touch so your decorations will set into the clay. You may want to paint or use your felt-tips on the pot when fully dry. We cannot wait to see your pots!

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If you enjoyed that one then have a go at this too!

Air Dry Crayon or pen Holder



- 1 Start by kneading your clay and molding it into a semicircle shape that is about one inch deep. You can use a damp paper towel to help smooth the edges.
- 2 Plan out how many crayon or pen holes you want and how far apart to make them.
- 3 Use crayons to make holes across the top part of the rainbow. I used older crayons because they ends will stay a little white and chalky after this. Keep all of the crayons in place at the same time.
- 4 Now with the crayons still in place, adjust the shape of your rainbow. Sometimes inserting the crayons makes your shape change a little bit. Make sure the bottom is flat and smooth.
- 5 Wiggle the crayons around a little bit to make sure the holes are bigger than the crayons themselves, then remove the crayons.
- 6 Using a clay knife (or even a kitchen knife is fine), gently cut the top layer off of the clay so that it is even and smooth. Smooth your edges. Use a crayon once again to make sure that all of the holes are wider than the crayons themselves.
- 7 Use a clay tool or the back side of a paint brush to make little lines across both sides of your rainbow.
- 8 Let your rainbow dry. This takes a couple of days and waiting is not much fun!
- 9 When your pot is fully dry, you can paint your rainbow different colours. You could play around with different colours like a pastel rainbow or you could even leave it all white. Coat your crayon holder with a sealant like Mod Podge or PVA glue.

