

ACTIVITY 2

CLAY TRINKET HOLDER

AGE: 10 - 14 years | ACTIVITY LENGTH: 1-2 hours

MATERIALS REQUIRED

- Clay - air drying (available in Mr. Price 3 euro)
- Acrylic paint + Paintbrushes
- Lollipop stick
- Jar of water to wash brushes + kitchen paper
- Old beads from broken jewellery (Optional)
- Strong Glue (if using beads)

STEP 1

Take a lump of clay, the size of a tennis ball.

STEP 2

To remove air, press clay firmly with the palm of your hand, taking some time turning clay from side to side.

STEP 3

Roll it into a ball. Using thumbs, press firmly into the centre of the clay (photo number 1) and slowly work it outwards from the centre of the ball to create a base for the Trinket Holder. Any leftover clay can be covered with clingfilm or plastic for later use.

STEP 4

Keep sides to a minimum thickness of at least 1cm. It might be thicker at one side ... so this is where to keep shaping it with your fingers until it's even all around.

STEP 5

Flatten off the edges at the top so there is a smooth rim. This can be done by dipping a lollipop stick or the top of a cutlery knife in water and pressing it down a little to give it a rim.



STEP 6

For a wavy effect (as in photo 2), shape the clay in and out with your fingers.

STEP 7

Set it aside to dry. This will take 4-5 days. It will change colour slightly and will be solid to touch.

STEP 8

Once fully dry, it's time to paint your creation.

STEP 9

For added decoration, use beads from any broken jewellery that may be around. Stick these on with strong glue.

