Lesson By:

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Grade: 2 to 6

Subject: Clay Animals

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Notes: Gather Images of animals created in clay and show students.

Brief Lesson Overview:

Creating a clay animal that combines the strategies of pinch, slab and coil. The process can be used any animal you would wish.

Materials Needed:

Clay
Popsicle sticks - cut on a 45 degree angle
Surface to work the clay on

Learning Outcomes:

Learning how to make 3D sculptures with clay.

Structure / Activity:

1. Give each child 2 clay pieces about the size of an orange and a popsicle stick cut on a 45 degree angle.
2. Have the students wedge the clay into two balls.
3. Use one ball to make a head and a body for your animal.
4. Cross hatch the body and head together using a process of SSS, score, slip and seal.
5. Use the other ball of clay for the features of the face, the four legs and feet and the ears.
6. Create texture on the body.
7. Make sure all the parts of the body, legs, tail and ears are well attached with scoring.
8. Do the pull test to see if the pieces have been scored properly.
9. If they have not. Score them again until you are sure they are attached.
10. Let dry for a week and then paint with either tempera paint or acrylics.

Photo of Art Project:

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Assessment:

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