

Comical Creatures

A lesson in clay

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Each child should get about one pound of clay - about the size of a tennis ball



Everything you create in clay starts with a ball, a coil or a slab



First, warm up the clay by squeezing and kneading



Break or cut in half and remove a "pinch" from one half

Divide the ball in half and then take a medium sized pinch from one of the halves.

- **The bigger side is the head**
- **the smaller one is the body**
- **the pinch is for ears, tails, accessories etc.**



Everything you add to your project should be added by roughing up the areas to be joined with a wet toothbrush to make “slip”

We will make a cone-shaped body from the smaller piece and a head from the larger one.

The pinch is for ears, tails, feet, hats etc.

Some ways to add “cute” or comedy:

- **large head/small body** (for example - babies have large heads compared to their bodies...we think this is cute)
- **large eyes**
- **crossed eyes**
- **gestures**
- **details**
- **accessories**



**Divide the body with
popsicle stick to
make two legs**



**Make matching feet from a ball cut in half and
attach with slip.**





You can also use scissors to cut a mouth in your creature!



Don't forget the tail!!

Add eyes, ears, mouth, tail and accessories!

**Exaggerate scale
(very big or very small eyes
for example)
Make it fun / funny!**















