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Air-Dry Clay Creations!

VASE LIFT >

What do you get when you pair a basic glass vase with terracotta-colored clay? A beginner-friendly southwest-inspired planter! Wrap a sheet of clay around the vase, add clay shapes, and seal the piece with decoupage medium.

PHOTO OP! ▽

Looking for a beginner clay project that the whole family can do together? Photo holders are the picture-perfect DIY! Cut clay into shapes, insert spiraled craft wire into the top, and add a dowel to the back for support. When it's dry, sand it smooth and paint it pretty!



DISH, GIRL!

Trinket dishes are the go-to DIY if you're new to clay! To mimic this look, cut an oval and turn up the edges to create a border. Press strips of clay into the center to make a design, let it dry, and add copper leafing and gloss decoupage medium for a shiny finish.



Use the incense sticks themselves to make the holes—that way you can be sure they'll fit!

STICK WITH IT

Here's the how-to for this incense holder: Cut petals with diamond tear clay cutters, shape them, then add holes for incense sticks to a ball of clay to make the flower center. When the pieces are dry, paint them, layer and glue the petals around the center, and add a clay base.



SET IN STONE

This contemporary candle holder may look like it's made of stone, but it's actually clay that's been painted with coarse texture spray paint. That's it!

P.S. We cut the pieces with different sized round cutters and added wood dowels between them for support.



WELCOME HOME ^

Want an easy way to emboss designs onto clay? Stamp it with texture sheets and rollers—that's how we got the detailing on these cottages. To construct them, make the walls and let them dry. Then glue them together and add a roof, shaping it over the walls before it dries.

TAKE SHAPE >

The secret to these free-form sculptures? Flower clay! When it's dry, it'll bend, twist and curl without breaking! Just cut strips of clay, shape them however you like, and let them dry.

Style Tip: Glue them onto painted wood blocks topped with painted wood rounds.





BRUSH UP <

The broad strokes for this clay brush holder: Cut two half circles and a strip. Add holes to the strip for the brushes, glue it along the rounded edges of the half circles, let it dry, and paint it. Then apply clear protective sealer or decoupage medium.

TAG ALONG >

Color dried clay creations with craft paint and markers! Here's the info on this tag team.

Rainbow: Merge clay coils into an arch.

Mushroom: Use DIY template to cut the shape from clay.

Arch: Shape the clay, cut a window, and carve outlines with sculpting tools.





SHINE ON ^

The breakdown for this DIY jewelry dish: First, let a clay circle dry on an upside-down bowl to create the dish. Then cover antlers (we made ours out of foil) with clay and embellish them with gold leafing. To finish, dye clay with markers, shape flowers, and glue all pieces to the dish.

LET'S VASE IT <

How did we get the quilted designs on this clay purse-slash-planter? After wrapping clay around a glass vase, we pulled a metal ball tool over the clay, creating a diagonal pattern.

P.S. Complete the look with a clay handle, flap and latch (embellished with gold liquid leaf).



HANG IN THERE

This boho-inspired wall décor features three types of clay: white, terracotta and wood. The top and back bottom pieces are white clay (just painted), the middle piece is terracotta clay (just stenciled), and the front bottom piece is wood clay (it can be carved after it's dry!).

ON THE COVER:

Sculpt clay projects around craft wire to give them extra strength and durability. That's how the taller cactus pieces hold their shape during the air-dry process.