

Teach art principles & feel free to adapt this to you — creativity is encouraged for both teachers & students.



**Ceramic Birdhouse**

**Ages:** 9-12

**Materials**

- White earthenware clay, rolling pins, clay boards, clay tools for carving, assorted glazes, wet sponges, can or bottle to act as a form

**Art Techniques**

- Slab clay construction
- Score and slip clay construction
- Sculpture
- Clay

**Art Principles**

- Balance
- Texture
- Pattern/ Repetition

**Instructions**

1. Roll slab of clay large enough to wrap around a soda can make a cylinder.
2. Roll another slab to attach to bottom of cylinder. Trim to fit.
3. Roll a slab and cut to a circle slightly larger than the circumference of cylinder
4. Create a shallow cone with the circle for top of birdhouse.
5. Use slip and score technique to add details (branches, leaves etc.) to birdhouse and lid.
6. Remove can from birdhouse when it is firm enough to stand on own (not overnight!)
7. Use carving tools to add texture and pattern to birdhouse.
8. Cut a hole for bird and perch when clay is leather hard.
9. Bisque fire to 04.
10. Glaze and refire at 06.