

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



Duolingo Owl Pencil Holder

Ages: 5-12

Materials

- Clay, Basic hand-building tools (rolling pin, cutting tool, scoring tool, slip, modeling tools) water, Glaze, Kiln, Pencil and paper (for initial design)

Art Techniques

- Pinch Pot (for main body)
- Sculpting (for eyes, beak, wings, feathers)
- Scoring and Slipping (for attachment)
- Shaping (for owl form)
- Finishing

Art Principles/ Elements

- Form (cylindrical pot, owl features)
- Function (holding pencils)
- Proportion (of features to body)
- Balance (stability of pot)
- Design (character representation)

Instructions

1. On paper, design your Duolingo owl pencil holder, sketching a cylindrical pot shape with an owl's face, wings, and spiky top.
2. Take a ball of clay and gently push your thumb into the center, then pinch outwards with your thumb and fingers to create a tall, cylindrical pot shape with even walls.
3. Roll out small pieces of clay and sculpt two large eyes, a small triangular beak, and two wing shapes for the owl.
4. Score and slip all the sculpted owl features onto the outside of your pinch pot, blending the joins smoothly, and pinch the top rim to create "feathers" or spikes.
5. Refine all details, smooth any rough areas, and allow your finished Duolingo owl pencil holder to dry completely.
6. Glaze to your liking and fire when completely dry!