

Clay Penguins

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Materials:

- Non-stick surface to work on such as cork, cardboard, newspaper or a wooden table
- Fork
- Jar with water
- Skewer
- Paddle pop stick (optional)
- Newspaper (optional)
- Clay (you can also use air dry clay, plasticine, polymer clay, fimo, playdough)
- Wire or fishing line to cut the clay

Instructions:

1. Using the palm of your hands, make a ball of clay by tapping away at all the corners.
2. Place the ball of clay in your palm, push your thumb into the centre of the ball quite deep, but careful not to push through.
3. Start to pinch the pot by placing your thumb inside the hole while rotating the pot. Pinch with even pressure from the top to the bottom, careful not to go too thin.
4. Scrunch up small pieces of newspaper, place inside the hole. This will help to support the pot.
5. To create the head, attach a large ball of clay onto the top of the pinch pot using slurry. Slurry is a paste made by mixing water and clay and acts like a glue to join your pieces together. Score the top of your pinch pot with your fork and add slurry. Do the same with the ball of clay.

6. Attach together by wiggling the two together and by placing a small coil of clay around the ball to secure it to the pinch pot. Seal with your fingers or paddle pop stick.
7. Lightly draw in the belly with a skewer.
8. Make some eyes and a beak with the remaining clay by modelling the clay in your hands. Score and attach to the head using your fork or skewer and water.
9. Create some feet by placing 3 equal coils of clay together. Join them together by smudging the back of the clay.
10. Attach to the base of the pinch pot by scoring the bottom and the base of the feet with your fork and water. Join together well by wiggling them together and smudging the back.
11. Make some flippers or wings by modelling the clay with your hands.
12. Attach the flippers to the body by scoring the penguins body and the back of the flippers with your fork and water. Secure well with your finger.
13. Define the belly and around the flippers with your skewer.

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