

Make Clay Impressions

Make a clay sculpture by pressing found objects into clay.

Everyday objects make a great impression on our lives! Let's take inspiration from LaKela Brown, a Brooklyn-based artist who makes relief sculptures with cultural objects that hold meaning for her.

Materials

Cardboard
Scissors
Air dry clay, playdough, or Model Magic
Paint
Small paintbrush
Cup of water
Found objects

What objects can you find in your home that have meaning for you?

Instructions

1. Cut a cardboard shape for your sculpture base.
2. Gather objects that have interesting texture and meaning.
3. Spread a thick layer of air-dry clay, playdough, or Model Magic evenly over the cardboard base.
4. Press the objects into the layer of clay to see what type of impressions they create!
5. Lift each object out of the clay gently to leave a clear impression.
6. Add any 3D shapes or objects to your sculpture.
7. Use a small paintbrush to paint the impressions.

Go Further

What story does your sculpture tell? Tell a friend or family member more about your sculpture and the objects you chose for your impressions.

To learn more about LaKela Brown and her art, go to: lakelabrown.com.

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