

ArtStream

Written Instructional Guide



“Modeling a Bird, Nest, and Eggs with Homemade Modeling Dough”

“For Grades K-2 Students”

With Teaching Artist Nicole Hummel

Lesson 3: “Building a Nest Using Modeling Dough and Found Materials”

Materials

Materials:

- o Required
 - Clean surface
 - Modeling dough from Lesson 1 (or store bought dough in different colors)
 - A hard moveable surface to keep the sculpture on (a piece of cardboard, a cutting board or a plate)
 - Sculpture from Last Lesson
 - Plastic to cover your sculpture
- o Recommended
 - popsicle stick
 - toothpick

Introduction

- Welcome
- I'm Nicole Marie Hummel, I'm a ceramic artist based in Eugene
- We are continuing our exploration of birds. As we discussed last time, there are lots of different types of birds, and therefore there are lots of different types of nests! Last lesson we sculpted a bird
- Our focus today is on nest building. This is when the bird creates a home to lay eggs and raise its baby birds. I will be demonstrating how to use sculpting dough and found materials to model this.
- First, we are going to take a moment to become aware of our surroundings and ourselves so that we can be fully engaged in this process of working with clay!
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Mindfulness Exercise

- Take a deep breath, rub your arms with your hands
- Look around you and find something that you like to look at, take a breath
- Close your eyes and listen, find a sound that you can hear, take a breath
- This is a helpful way to sink into your body and be more aware of how you are feeling! Then we can be more in the moment and connected to what we are creating.

Step 1: Organize Materials

- Begin by organizing our materials
- Sort out the colors of modeling dough, set tools together
- Bird from previous lesson

Step 2: Set Up Work Space

- **Instructions**

- Once ingredients have been organized , move them to the edge of the “work space”. The work space can be a blank piece of paper, or a clean, flat surface
- Found Materials at the center of workspace

Step 3: Act Out Bird Building Nest and Gathering Materials

- The nest of course takes a lot of energy and time to build! Let's play with our birds, and pretend they are building this nest!

INSTRUCTIONS

- fly bird around
- gather materials
- begin pushing them together



Step 4: Sculpting the nest

- Different types of birds live in different habitats, and their nests can be very different. Some are high in a tree, some are down low in the grass, some are made of mostly mud, others are made of sticks, some are open and low like a bowl, some hang from above and have a tiny little hole! All of our nests will look different, and that's ok!
- I am going to show you how to put together some of the materials you may have gathering using the modeling dough. We will essentially be pressing the sticks, string and other things into the dough to make a shape that can hold some eggs..

INSTRUCTIONS

- shape bowl
- press in sticks, string, etc..
- shape and mold it a little
- cover it well with plastic



Closing Reflection

- Take a moment to sit back, close your eyes, and remember the process of doing this. What was your favorite part? Take a deep breath together.
- Thank students for tuning in and participating
- Directive: Feel free to research what different types of nests look like - an eagle's nest and a swallow's nest look very different and are made out of different materials. They also choose to put their nests in different places! So much to explore here! In our last lesson, we will explore building some eggs for the nest.

We will have 1 more lesson to explore so tune back in!

Thank you!

- Keep creating!