

Worksheet: Making a Clay Vase

Materials:

- Clay (ceramic or air tight)
- Plastic knife or tool for cutting clay
- Water
- Paintbrush
- Towels or kitchen paper
- Plastic bag (to keep clay moist)

Steps:

1. **Clay Preparation:**
 - Take a quantity of clay and knead it well to make it soft and pliable.
2. **Making the "Pasta":**
 - Take a small amount of clay and roll it between your hands or on a flat surface to create long "spaghetti" of clay. The "spaghetti" should be about 1 cm thick.
3. **Construction of the Base:**
 - Press down a piece of clay to create a flat base for your vase. You can use a plastic knife to cut out the shape of the base.
4. **Building the Vessel:**
 - Place the first "spaghetti" around the perimeter of the base and press lightly to adhere. Use water and a brush to smooth the joints.
 - Continue to place "spaghetti" on top of each other, creating the vase shape. Each time you add a new "spaghetti", press and smooth the joints with water and a brush.
5. **Surface Grinding:**
 - When you have finished making the vase, use your hands and a little water to smooth the outer surface of the vase.
6. **Finishes:**
 - Use tools to add decorative patterns or textures to the surface of the vase.
 - Allow the vase to dry completely. If you are using ceramic clay, you may need to bake the vessel in an oven.

Tips:

- Keep the clay covered with a plastic bag when not in use to prevent it from drying out.
- Use water sparingly to avoid making the clay too soft. Good luck with your build!