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# ART

# PROJECTS

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## CLAY BEADS

### ART DESIGN BRIEF

Using clay, create your own jewellery range for children.

Your project should include the following:

- Experimentation with the clay looking at different patterns and shapes that you can create.
- Research into different types and styles of jewellery.
- Designs for your jewellery range.
- Surveys on what styles/designs children like.

### You will need:

- Coloured clay - air dry or oven bake
- Clay tools
- Cocktail sticks
- Paper
- Coloured pencils
- Drawing pencil

## TO MAKE CLAY BEADS

1. Take your chosen colour and begin to soften the clay using your hands. The warmer the clay, the softer it will become and the more malleable it will be.
2. For a spherical bead, take a small amount of clay - approximately 1cm in diameter and roll into a ball, ensuring that there are no creases or lines. It helps if you have a smooth surface to roll the clay on.
3. Using a cocktail stick, create a hole through the sphere - at least 2mm. This will allow you to thread your beads onto string. If you wish to decorate your bead, leave it on the cocktail stick so that the hole does not close and to be able to manoeuvre the bead more easily. You can use a different colour clay to create patterns on your bead.
4. For a cube shaped bead, take your spherical shape and press the shape gently onto a flat surface to create a flat side. Continue to do this to create 6 faces for your cube. Again, use the cocktail stick to create the hole for threading. You may want to use your clay tools to create indentations for your patterns.
5. If you want to make a cylinder shape bead, roll the clay into a sausage shape then use a flat surface to flatten the ends of the cylinder. Ensure you make your threading hole.
6. To make a 'doughnut shaped' bead, use a spherical shape and the press down onto the sphere to flatten it. Use the cocktail stick to create your threading hole.
7. Once your beads are moulded, place on a baking tray which has been covered in greaseproof paper. Bake in the oven for 15-20mins at 135°C or leave to air dry.

**THIS PROJECT CAN TAKE UP TO 5 SESSIONS TO COMPLETE**