

## 4. Clay 101 - Basic slab projects

### How to roll out a piece of slab

Many of our projects come from slabs of clay which the children roll out and turn into everything from wall plaques to vases!

All the kids are capable of rolling their own slab as long as you have plenty of volunteers, even the kindergardeners.

# How to roll slab

Sheets of clay of an even thickness are called “slabs”

The slabs the kids work with are uneven and thick and need to be rolled.

Put this slab of clay between 2 wooden battens. The battens are placed vertically either side of the clay.

Place the wooden rolling pin on the clay. The 2 battens with the rolling pin make an “H” shape.

Remind children to maintain that “H” shape when rolling out their slab.

Roll the clay from the center outwards. The rolling pin should roll up and down the battens, horizontally, never leaving the battens.

Lift the slab and turn it, roll again and repeat until the slab is exactly the thickness of the battens.

If the slab is thinner than  $\frac{1}{4}$  the depth of the batons, it will break when dry.

