

## 5. Clay 101 – How to make a pinch pot

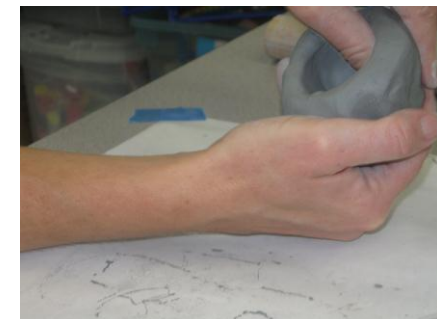
Each child will need a ball of clay approx the size of an egg. (see cutting clay slides)

Consider needing slabs for embellishments/ coil bottoms and roll these as you would any slab project.

A clay pinch pot can be adapted for many different projects.

Simply follow the lesson plan to find out specific details.

**Demonstrate as follows:** Hold the ball of clay in the palm of one hand. Press the thumb of the other hand into the center of the ball. Turning the ball, squeeze the wall of the pot between thumb and fingers, gradually thinning the walls and bottom to an even thickness. Have them imagine their hands are a lobster pinching around the pot.



Stress that the lip (top edge) should not be thinned out too early and should not be pulled out unless the student wants more of an open shape to their pot. Leaving the lip slightly thicker allows the student more options for finishing the top eg a “fluted” edge.

Any additions can be added using slip and score technique.

