

Creating a Pinch Pot Owl Planter/Cup

In your box you have a plastic knife, 2 balls of clay, a heavy duty toothpick and bubble wrap.

1. Take out your clay and tools and follow along with images on website: www.mightymud.com/pinchowl or watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=adOmVPOFI-8>
2. Start with the larger ball of clay, push your thumb down into the middle until you are about 1/2" from the bottom.
3. Begin pinching the sides of the clay making it go up, leave the top a little thicker than you think, if you pinch too thin the clay will break at the top.
4. You should be able to get a small, rough, cup size pinch pot. Take your time!
5. After you have the rough shape take some time and even out and smooth all the walls and the bottom, you can use a tiny amount of water. Let it sit and firm up for at least a half an hour
6. Decide which side of your pot is the front and push in two spots for eyes
7. Take a small amount of clay and roll it out like a snake
8. Scratch all along above and around the top of the eyes where you want your snake to go to create it's eyebrows
9. Scratch and attach the coil of clay using a small amount of water on both scratched surfaces, use your finger or the other end of the toothpick to smooth

10. Find an circle the size you would like to use for the eyes, then cut two out. In the video we use a quarter but you decide.
11. Create and eyeball then scratch and attach it to the center of your circles.
12. Scratch and attach the eyes to the pot where you made the indents. Cut out a small triangle and attach it between the eyes for the beak. Then make two small balls that will be its feet.
13. Shape the feet how you like and make sure to add lines for toes(talons), then attach the feet to the bottom front of the owl scratching and using water on all surfaces 14.This is your time to be creative, does your owl need feathered texture, eyelashes, a tailfeather? This is your owl, make it look how you want.
14. More examples of texture and openings
15. Final example of our owl, be sure to watch the video for the other one.
16. Once you've finished, carefully wrap it in the bubble wrap. Then put it back in the box that it came in, you may put some newspaper or plastic bags around it so it won't move around. Before returning it to Mighty Mud, make sure you write your name, phone number, and color choice on the front of the box.

If you've chosen "No Color" you can paint it at home using acrylics, watercolors, or spray paint.

We will fire your clay in a bisque kiln, glaze it and place it in another kiln, and give you a call when your project is ready for pick-up!

Pick-up and drop-off hours: Tuesday - Friday 11am-6pm, Saturday 9am-5pm

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17. Have Fun!!!

Video and image links again: www.mightymud.com/pinchowl
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