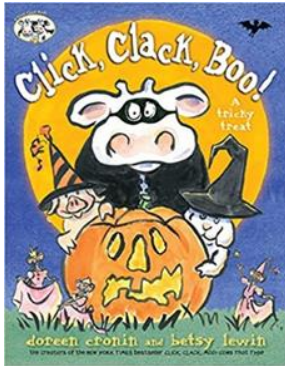


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Enjoy Tiny Thursdays at home! Explore a DAI artwork, watch a virtual read-aloud story, and then follow along with project instructions found below!

Jack-o-Lantern Pinch Pots!



Description: young artists learn about bravery and then use rolling, pinching, and painting skills to make Jack-o-Lantern clay pots!

Story: [“Click, Clack, Boo!”](#) written by Doreen Cronin and illustrated by Betsy Lewin (Atheneum Books for Young Readers; 2013)

Let's talk about this artwork!

- What do you see?
- This artwork is a **still life**, a painting of objects that are not alive.
 - Which object did you look at first?
 - Which objects look good to eat?
- How would these objects feel if you could touch them?
 - Hard or soft?
 - Smooth or scratchy?
- This painting has **warm colors** of red, orange, and yellow.
 - If you painted this with **cool colors** instead (greens, blues, or purples) how would you re-color it?



Materials needed

- 1) air dry clay
- 2) acrylic paint: orange and green
- 3) paintbrushes
- 4) pencil
- 5) optional: wax paper
- 6) optional: gloss medium
- 7) optional: tea light



Project skills

- 1) Fine / Gross Motor:
 - a) Rolling
 - b) Pinching
 - c) Painting
- 2) Language development
 - a) Expressive: speaking
 - b) Receptive: listening
 - c) Discussing
- 3) 21st-Century:
 - a) Creativity
 - b) Problem-solving
 - c) Collaborating

Project Instructions

- 1) Separate a section of about a third of your clay to use for the lid. Set aside.



- 2) Work the larger clay section in your hands until it becomes soft. Roll clay between your palms until it makes a smooth ball. This will also make for less cracks.

Helpful hint: work the clay by stretching it, smushing it and rerolling it in your hands.



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- 3) Press both of your thumbs into the center. Be careful not to press too far—you want at least $\frac{1}{2}$ " between your thumbs and the bottom of the pot.



- 4) Pinch the clay between your thumb and fingers. Keep pinching while working around the pot to make the sides of the pot. Try to keep the walls of the pot an equal thickness.



- 5) Use pencil to poke two shallow holes only about halfway into the side to make eyes.



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- 6) Use a fingernail or pencil eraser to gently press teeth shapes into your jack-o-lantern in the shape of a smile. Set aside to dry.



- 7) Next, take the clay you saved for a lid. Work the clay, roll it into a ball, and then smush it flat with your hands so it is about ½" thick.



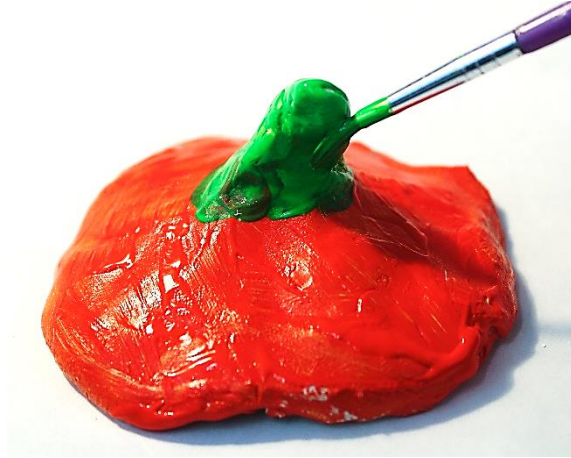
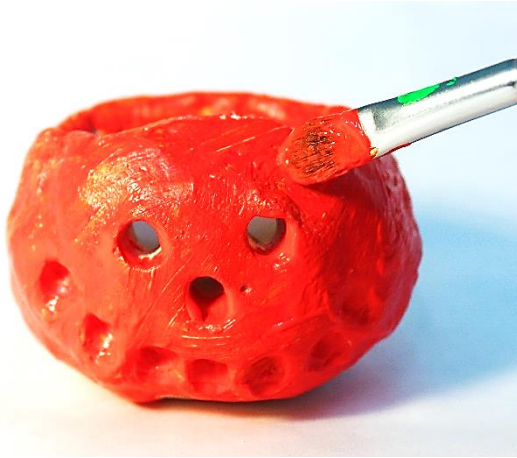
- 8) Pinch the center to build up a stem on the lid. Make sure the lid is wide enough to cover the opening to your jack-o-lantern.



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- 9) Paint everything orange on the jack-o-lantern and lid except for the stem. Paint the stem green.

Optional: wait until dry, then paint with a gloss.



- 10) If you'd like, use a tea candle to light up your Jack-o-Lantern! How cool!



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