

Clay Pendants

Objectives: Learn the basics of how to work with clay

Materials:

- Clay/Pasta machine
- Sculpting clay (Assorted Colors)
- Hemp or String
- Glass or Ceramic baking dish
- Clay scrapers and cookie cutters

Create Pendants

1. Have children pick three colors of clay each. Each student should squish and soften the clay while others are working on their pendants.
2. Make various canes (see back sheet), and cut thin slices. Set aside.
3. **ONLY THE TEACHER** may use the clay machine (this avoids conflicts between children.) Children should choose 1 base color. This color is rolled out on the thickest setting of the clay machine (the thicker the sturdier). Once clay is rolled out in a sheet, place the thin slices of canes randomly on the sheet. Send the sheet through the machine on the same setting once again. If clay is not thick enough, roll out a second color in the machine and gently press the two sheets together with a rolling pin.
4. Have students choose 1 cookie cutter shape (I used Leaves and Hearts, these make nice pendants), and gently cut out shapes from their sheet.
5. Make a hole for string. I used the back of a mechanical pencil for a good sized hole.
6. Bake according to directions & let cool. Once hard, thread the string through the hole, and let the kids wear them home!