

Educator Lesson Plan

Air Dry Clay Ghosts



Recommended Grades: All Teacher Prep Time: 15 Min Project Time: 30 Mins

Overview

Simple sensory project that can be elevated for older children. Create ghots to play with or use as decor over a battery operated tea light.

Copmlimentary Topics

Halloween

Prep

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- Air dry clay
- Wine cork
- Plastic straw
- Googly eyes

Other Materials:

Water





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Project Directions

- Unwrap air dry clay and use the wax paper to prepare your work surface.
- Roll out the air dry clay into a circle to your desired thickness; a thicker slab will be sturdier once dry, but harder to drape while wet. Aim for a thickness of 1/8-1/4".
- Optional: You can cut your rolled clay into a perfect circle, or one with wavy edges.
- Punch holes in the bottom third of the circle using a straw; use different sized straws for the eyes and mouth, squeeze the straw to create different shapes. You can also opt to use googly eyes because this clay does not need to be oven-baked; push eyes into wet clay.
- Drape the clay over a cork or your finger; pinch the clay to create folds all the way around.
- If the clay is cracking or rough, use water on your fingertip to smooth the surface.
- The clay will harden in 24-72 hours (longer with more water) and will dry white.



