

Silly Sloth



an Early Childhood
art Lesson



Preparing the Clay

Start by rolling:

- 3 pea size spheres
- 4 thick cylinders
- 1 large cylinder



Step #1 The Body

Round one of the ends of the large cylinder.



Then slightly curve the cylinder upward.



Step #2 The Legs

Attach a pair of legs by scoring and slipping them onto the body.

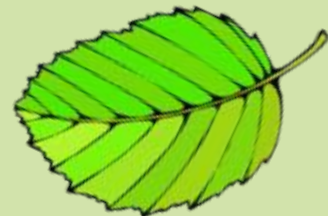




Then smooth the legs onto the body and round the end of the legs by pinching them together.



Turn the body over and join the other pair of legs just like the first pair.



Step #3 The Face

Use a pointed tool to draw on an oval shaped face on the head.





Attach two of the spheres for the eyes and add the pupils with a pointed tool. Attach the last sphere to make nose. Trace around the eyes to complete the face.



Step #4 The Feet

Indent a popsicle stick into the ends of the feet to make the sloth's claws. Apply some slip to backside of the feet a pinch them together.





Step #5 Hair

To give your sloth a little personality, try adding a few whips of hair. Roll tiny cylinders and add them onto the head.



Step #6 The Branch

Insert a popsicle stick in between the legs to create a branch.



Step #7 Drying Time

Allow the clay to dry 24 hours before painting.

Step #8 Paint

Paint the sloth using the neutral colors: brown, black, white and gray.



Step #9 Embellish

Add a jungle vine using some yarn and felt.