



Patterned Slab Pot

Category: Ceramics	Group size: Up to 30
Age range: 5 and up	Duration: 1 - 2 hours
Language level: Basic	Materials: Clay, rolling pin, spacers, clay knife, slip, kiln
	Activity link: Making a rolling pin and spacers. Joining clay with slip. Different firing techniques.

Introduction

The end result of this project is for each student to have a clay pot that has been patterned with natural materials found around the camp. For older students you may wish to talk about creating patterns with the found materials.

Method

1. Start by each student collecting found materials such as cloth, lace, hessian, leaves, grass, bark, sand etc.
2. See example #1.
3. Roll out the clay you have been given into a 'slab' to your desired size and shape.
4. Place paper over clay 'slab' and trace the two sides and base.
5. Place found materials in your own arrangement over the clay. For more advanced students you may wish to talk about 'creating patterns' with the found materials
6. Roll gently over the materials so they leave an imprint in the clay. Remove and take materials away (if some are stuck, leave them as they will burn out).

Outcomes

Explain the end result expected from the activity

Diagram

