

## Lesson Plan: Mexican Folk Art-Inspired Clay Animals

Mexico is full of natural resources like clay and natural dyes, making these clay animal figures popular folk art.

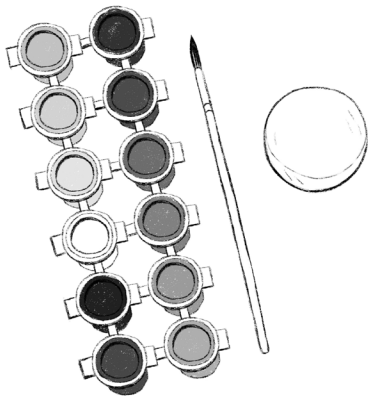
### MATERIALS

- 1 oz air dry clay
- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush cup or jar
- Popsicle sticks
- Toothpicks

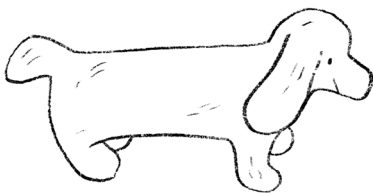
### PREP

- Set up your space! Find a clear, flat surface to mold and sculpt your clay.

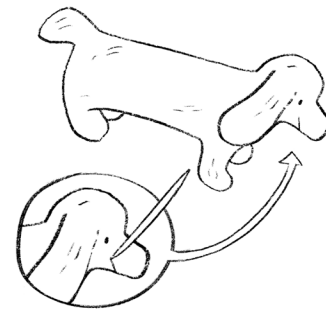
### DIRECTIONS



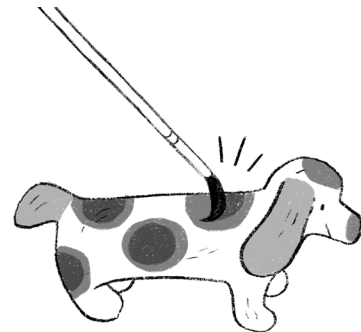
1. Use your hands to sculpt the clay into the shape of your desired animal. Use Mingei's clay animals as inspiration! Experiment with the coil technique for things like legs and tails by rolling the clay between your hands, making long snake-like forms.



3. Let the clay dry overnight or for at least 4 hours.



2. Try the slab method by using a rolling pin to flatten the clay into a sheet for things like the animal's torso. Use the toothpicks or popsicle sticks to mold your animal's features.



4. Get creative with color! Use your paint to bring your animal to life. Try mixing various colors together. Make sure to use a cup or jar of water to rinse off your brush and change colors.