



Nature Portrait Sculpture

A fun twist on creating with play dough inside. These nature portrait are an interesting and creative way to interact with nature.

Materials:

- * saltless play dough:
 - plain flour
 - oil
 - warm water
 - mixing bowl
 - cup
 - spoon

- * found natural objects - leaves, acorns, flowers, sticks, seeds, feathers, etc.

- * natural base

Step 1:

This dough will be used outside and can be left to disintegrate so it is important to create a saltless dough. First combine 2 cups of flour with 3 tablespoons of oil (I used vegetable oil) into a mixing bowl.



Step 2:

Add one cup of hot water in parts to your mixture until you get a good dough consistency. To get a great consistency you should use your hands to knead the dough until it is no longer sticky and is fairly smooth. You can adjust your consistency by adding a little more flour if it is still sticky or a little more water if the dough feels too rough.

Step 3:

I divided my dough into 2 parts to create 2 medium size portraits. You could divide it as you wish. I found a tree as the base of my sculpture, you could use the sidewalk, brick wall, wooden table, etc. anything that is firm and where your portrait will not be in the way. I would also avoid any painted surfaces. Press your dough onto your base in an oval or circle shape.



Step 4:

Hunt for natural objects that can be used to create your portrait's face. Think about the shapes you want and whether or not you need one or many.

Step 5:

As you find your objects or after you have collected them all, press them into your dough. They should stick to your dough and be fairly secure.



Step 6:

Continue adding until you are happy with your creation.

