

Stamped, Air Dry Clay Pots:

Isaiah 64: 8 – "But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand."



Image source: <https://www.gatheringbeauty.com/blog/2015/06/diy-stamped-clay-pots.html>

You can make stamped pots for many purposes such as holding pencils, pot plants or add a lid and use as Bethesda fundraising money jar. You may even be able to sell your pots to raise money for Bethesda.



Image source: <https://damasklove.com/diy-stamped-clay-succulent-pots/>

Instead of buying the clay there are many recipes available that use simple everyday ingredients to make your own. Just google DIY air dry clay.

Included below is a recipe for air dry clay, that should not crack when it dries (some recipes give cracked edges once dry) *recipe from kitchentableclassroom.com*

Instructions:

- Once you have your clay roll it out to 60-70 mm thick with a rolling pin (our straight sided glass).
- Using decorative stamp, stamp patterns into clay.
- Cut out circle for base and a rectangle for the sides (rectangle needs to be big enough for go around the circumference of the circle, plus a little extra for overlap). Don't make the pot too tall or the sides will bend and buckle.
- Using a knife or shaping tool join edges of clay together.
- Allow to dry



Image source: <https://www.pinterest.com.au/pin/330592428874445964>

Air Dry Clay Recipe:

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups cornstarch
- 1 cup white school glue (Elmer's glue)
- 1 Tablespoon white vinegar
- 1 Teaspoon lotion
- 1 Tablespoon baby oil

Instructions:

- Mix all ingredients together in large mixing bowl until smooth. It is normal that at this point the clay will be a sticky mess.
- Slowly add a little more cornstarch until clay goes from sticky to smooth, stretchy and soft texture. (you know you have added enough cornstarch when it becomes difficult to mix more in).
- This can be made ahead of time. Store by spreading a layer of cling wrap with a squirt or two of lotion and wrap tightly around the clay. Put in fridge and store for up to a week.

Instructions:

Plastic Bottle animals:

GEMS and Cadets can get as creative as they like with this craft. They can cut a slot into their plastic bottle animals to make them into a perfect money box for collecting fundraising money for the Bethesda project.

Supplies:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic soda or water bottles • Scissors • Utility knife • Ruler • Hot glue gun or craft glue • Acrylic paint • Paintbrushes • Permanent markers, assorted colours • Sticky tape • Items to decorate bottles with Such as → 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Googly eyes • Felt, assorted colours • Paper, assorted colours • Craft foam sheets, assorted colours • Twist tie • Pipe cleaners • Glitter • Fabric scraps • Ribbon/ cord • Craft wire • Feathers • Timber dowel (for legs)
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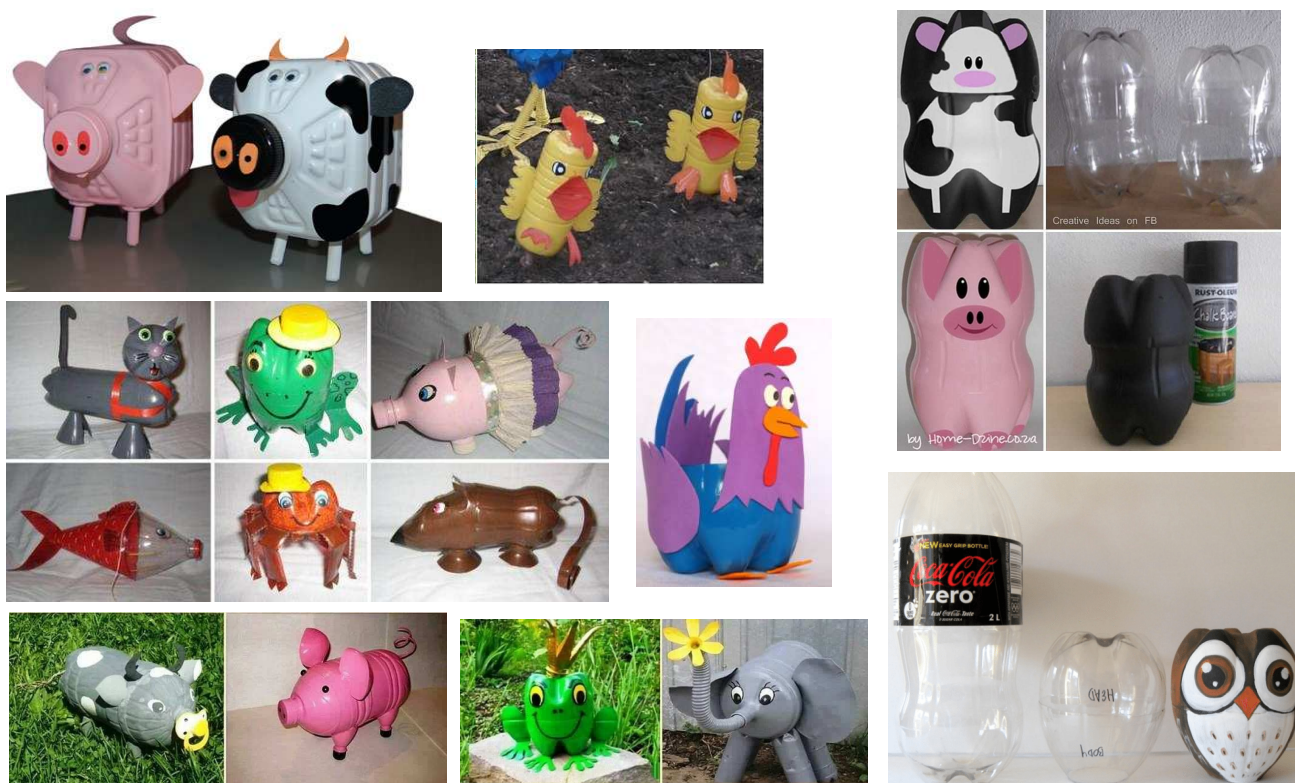


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Popsicle stick huts:

Make Solomon Islands style shelters using paddle pop sticks and timber skewers. You can make them more authentic by adding a leaf roof.



Supplies:

- paddle pop sticks
- skewers
- craft glue
- utility knife

Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ZsmNgBLB3c> to view video instructions on making these huts.

