***Clay Mouse***

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***Grade Level: 1 & 2***

***Subject: Art***

***Goal /Objective: Students will use clay to shape a mouse.***

***Students will follow instructions to make parts of the mouse out of other things.***

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**Materials:**

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| 1.clay (or play dough)  2.toothpicks (3 per child)  3.pipe cleaners (1/2 per child) |

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**Intro:**

PowerPoint on sculptures. Include pictures of:

* Statue of Liberty and Mount Rushmore—large statues
* Statue of Moses—old statue (made in early 1500s)
* Totem poles—made by Indians long ago and even more recently
* Statue of birds
* Statue of horse--painted

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**Lesson:**

*Today we are going to make a sculpture using clay.*

*How many of you like playing with play dough?*

Discuss similarities and differences of clay and play dough

* Clay is stiffer
* Most clay dries into something hard (ours did not)
* Both you can shape to make something

*We are going to make a mouse.*

Give them a glob of clay.

*Save a bit for the ears and nose.*

Show them how to shape into a rough shape—a rounded, fatter back, a pointy nose.

Make ears and put them on carefully

Use a toothpick to make a hollow in the clay for the eyes.

Break toothpicks in half for the whiskers, three whiskers on each side of the face.

Use the pipe cleaner for a tail.

Put your initials on the bottom.

**Closure:**

Put mice on a shelf in the classroom to dry.

If time, students can discuss what others did well with their mice.

I used bought clay, but here is a recipe for clay that I got somewhere:

**Clay**

1 and ½ cup boiling water

½ cup salt

Stir to dissolve salt. Add:

1 Tablespoon oil

2 Tablespoons powdered alum

Stir this into:

2 cups flour

Mix well, kneading until smooth.

Add food coloring, if desired.

This will keep indefinitely in a jar or container with a tight lid.