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# Sculpting a Clay Figurine 

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## Requirements

- Earthenware or terracotta clay
- Galvanised Wire
- Block of wood, approximately $10 \times 10 \times 10 \mathrm{~cm}$
- Small drill or instrument to make holes into wooden block
- Contact Glue
- Masking Tape
- Sanding paper
- Newspaper (Optional)
- Spray paint - Any colour


## Instructions

## Step 1

Drill two holes into the wooden block, about 3 to 7 cm apart and put a drop of contact glue into each hole. Insert a wire (about 30 cm ) in each hole and allow to dry until firm.

## Step 2

Shape an inner framework with the wires that will be the support structure for your statue (the armature). Include a loop for the head, a triangle for the shoulder/chest area and an upside-down triangle for the hip area. Bend the wires to create a gestural pose instead of a stark, realistic one this will make your statue more interesting.

## Step 3

Tape the wire figure with masking tape to cover all the exposed wire. You can also add newspaper bits to add bulk to the body, if you require a more voluptuous figure.

## Step 4

Now add clay and slowly build up the figure. Squeeze the clay tightly around the masking tape to ensure good adhesion. Continue to build up areas where needed and remove any excess clay to ensure a pleasing shape. Allow for some play, but don't let the clay dry between sessions.

## Step 5

Once you've finished, allow the clay to dry at room temperature away from the sun.

## Step 6

Once dry, sand any areas if needed and then spray paint or varnish your art work.

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