

Pinch Pot Fairy Houses

Grades 1-5

Pinch Pot Fairy Houses are a fun way to explore form, texture and color. Students can imagine how the look of their fairy house can represent where their fairy lives.

When finished, arrange the fairy homes into a fairy garden outside the school or send them home to live in their own gardens.

Materials Needed

- Clay
- Pin Tool
- Texture Tools
- Selection of Rovin Bright Ice Glazes



Process

1. First make a pinch pot. Roll a half pound of clay into the form of a ball
2. Press your thumb into the ball of clay without going all the way through
3. Pinch the clay between your thumb and your fingers. Rotate the clay as you pinch

Students should try to pinch with even pressure to create walls of even thickness

4. Keep pinching until the clay is 3/8" to 1/2" thick throughout the pinch pot
5. Place pinch pot on the table open side down. This will be the structure for the fairy house



6. Use coils, balls of clay and small slabs to build doors, roof tiles, windows, chimneys and other parts of the fairy house
Make sure to scratch and attach all pieces carefully!

7. Use carving and texture tools to add finer details and textures such as wood grain, leaf vines or bricks

8. Students who are done early can create other objects that might exist in their fairies world such as benches, mushrooms, or bugs

Fire and Glaze

1. Allow the fairy houses to dry slowly to protect the additions from drying out and falling off

2. Fire in the kiln to bisque temperature before applying glaze

3. Using a variety of Rovin Bright Ice glazes paint the fairy houses and fire in the kiln to Cone 05

When finished have students write a story about their fairy and share it with the class!

