PUZZLE BOX

MATERIALS
Slabs of Clay 3/8” Thick
Square Template (desired size of box)
Pin Tool or Knife
Texture Roller
Stain or Underglaze
Ruler
Joining Slip

PROCESS
1. Use the template to cut 6 identical squares from the slab of clay. If using a texture roller, apply texture before cutting the squares.

2. Measure the thickness of your slab with a ruler. The 4 squares that will make up the sides of the box will need to be trimmed by that amount on 1 edge each. This will help them fit together when attached. The 2 remaining original size squares will be the top and bottom.

3. Allow slabs to set to leather hard.

4. Score all 4 edges of the bottom square, and the bottom edge and 1 side of the first side wall. Apply joining slip and firmly press the side onto the bottom. Repeat scoring and slipping with the remaining sides cleaning up excess slip as you go.

5. Score all 4 sides of the top piece and the top edges of the box. Attach with slip. You should now have a closed box.

6. To add feet, turn the box upside down and score and attach to the corners of the box.

7. Use a pin tool or knife with a thin blade to cut the lid into the puzzle box. Curvy or angular lines add interest and are easier to match up when placing the lid back on the box.