

Surfboard Trophy -

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Surf's up - time to hang ten, dude! A surfboard is an iconic symbol of summer fun at the beach. If you aren't lucky enough to be one of the Hollywood celebrities who get their own surfboard trophies from the annual Teen Choice Awards, you can have a blast making your own miniature surfboard trophy with *ACTIVA* Air-Dry Clay. Stand your surfboard up on your desk or bookshelf so you'll feel like you're riding those waves all year long...and no wipe-outs!

Materials:

ACTIVA Plus Air-Dry Clay

- Non-stick work mat
- Wood skewer, palette knife, water mister bottle
- Rolling pin
- Texture/pattern tools (rubber stamps, silicon honeycomb hot pad)
- Acrylic paints
- Gloss sealer medium
- Paint brush, cosmetic sponge
- E-6000 (heavy-duty craft glue)
- Cardboard, pencil, scissors, fine-grit sanding block
- Baby wipes, plastic bag

1. Draw or trace a surfboard shape (approx. 10" tall) on cardboard and cut out.



2. Roll out clay to approx. 3/8" thick, place the cardboard template on top and cut the surfboard from the clay with a skewer or palette knife. Cut out two identical tall, triangular "fins" from the excess clay. Trim the bottom of each fin at about an 80° angle to allow the surfboard to lay back just slightly when standing. Smooth all the edges with your dampened finger.

3. Keep the excess clay moist by placing it in between baby wipes or inside a plastic bag.



4. Press an all-over pattern into the surfboard with a silicone honeycomb hot pad or a damp rubber stamp.

5. Roll out excess clay again to approx. 3/16" thick and cut out small accent shapes. Press patterns into the shapes as desired.



6. Dampen the back sides of each accent and gently press them into position on the surfboard.

7. Leave all the pieces laying flat to dry for at least 24 hours, until the clay is no longer cool to the touch. To add a slight curve to the tip of your surfboard, slide a folded piece of cardstock underneath it while it dries.



8. Paint all three pieces with a base coat of blue and let dry. Tap some random white clouds into the blue with a cosmetic sponge (blot off excess paint first).



9. Cover the accent pieces with a coat of white, then paint a second coat with desired colors like yellow, teal and orange. Keep baby wipes handy to quickly wipe away any paint that “goes outside the lines.” Tap a little extra yellow into the background of the surfboard to give it an airbrush effect.



10. When the paint is dry, brush 1-2 coats of a gloss sealer medium over the top and sides; let dry.

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11. Gently sand the tall edges of each fin as needed to sit flush against the back of the surfboard, then glue in place. Hold for a few minutes with your hands until glue sets. Lay the surfboard down on a surface with the curved end hanging off, so the surfboard is completely flat while the glue dries for a few hours.

