



## Working with clay



### Twist to Separate

Twist off smaller pieces of clay to work with. Large pieces are hard to work with.



### Roll for long shapes

Making snake shapes or worms will warm up the clay fastest.



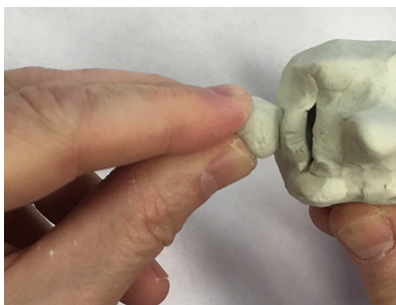
### Press to Shape & Smooth

Pressing gently over and over is much better than mashing hard, or smearing.



### Pinch off Bits

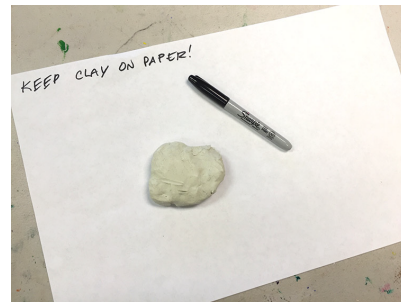
Make a shape smaller by pinching off some clay you don't need.



### Add on Bits

To make a new shape or make a shape larger, stick new pieces of clay on your work to modify it.

## Managing clay



- Clay gets dirty easily because everything sticks to it. It's also oily, so it can mess the surface of a table. To keep everything clean, clay must stay on paper to protect it and the surfaces around it. Also work over the paper so you don't drop it on the floor.
- Clay made with oil never dries or gets hard. You can't save it for long.
- Clean hands by wiping thoroughly with a paper towel before washing (wipe/wash/wipe).
- Take a photo if you want to save your work and share with others.