

Understanding Clay Modelling

Chapter 4: Clay Modelling · Topic 1

Key Concept

We can roll clay between our palms to make a ball shape, or roll it on a table to make a long snake shape. These simple shapes can become fruits, snakes, or simple animals.

We should keep our hands and the work table clean while modelling with clay.

Clay can be shaped into many different things by pressing, pinching, or flattening it, giving us endless possibilities for creative models.

After making a clay model, we can let it air-dry, which makes it hard and helps it keep its shape for a longer time.

Quick Revision Notes

- Clay can be rolled into a ball or a snake shape.
- A ball shape can become a fruit.
- A snake shape can become a real snake or a rope.
- Keep hands and table clean while working with clay.
- Clay can be shaped by pressing, pinching or flattening.
- Clay shaping allows for many creative models.
- Letting clay air-dry makes it hard.
- Drying helps a clay model keep its shape.

Practice Questions

- 1 Roll clay into a ball and shape it into a fruit.
- 2 Roll clay into a snake shape.
- 3 Make a simple animal using clay balls and snakes.
- 4 Clean your hands and table after clay modelling.
- 5 Try pressing and pinching clay to make a new shape.
- 6 Let one of your clay models air-dry and observe it the next day.