

Understanding Clay and 3D Craft

Chapter 5: Clay and 3D Craft · Topic 1

Key Concept

Combining the pinch, coil, and slab methods allows us to build more complex forms, such as a pot with a coiled body, a pinched spout, and a slab-based base or lid.

Proper preparation of clay (kneading out air bubbles), controlled drying, and sometimes firing in a kiln are important steps for making clay craft pieces durable and long-lasting.

Quick Revision Notes

- The pinch, coil and slab methods can be combined for complex forms.
- Kneading clay removes air bubbles before shaping.
- Controlled drying prevents cracking.
- Firing in a kiln can make clay pieces more durable.

Practice Questions

- 1 Create a clay piece combining at least two techniques (pinch, coil, slab).
- 2 Explain why kneading clay is an important first step.
- 3 Research how a kiln is used to fire clay pottery.
- 4 Design a functional object (like a pot or bowl) using clay techniques.