

# Barnsley Museums Makes: Clay Cat

John Malby's Angel and Lion Sculpture is a favourite in the Cooper Gallery. Why not have a go at making your own cool cat (or even your own pet or favourite animal) with clay? This activity uses the slab building technique.



You will need:

- Air drying clay
- Clay tools or a blunt dinner knife
- An apron or old clothes
- A table cloth or some paper to cover your table
- A pot of water
- Rolling pin (or a tin can)

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Use a rolling pin or tin can to roll out your clay. Use a clay tool or blunt dinner knife to cut out a triangle. This will be your cat's body.



Curve your slab into a cone. Criss-cross the edges where they are going to join with your knife or clay tool and wet with water using your finger.



Push the pieces together using your thumb and blend the clay together. Rub and smooth with a bit more water.



Now roll a ball for your cat's head.



Use a knife or clay tools to decorate its face. Then criss-cross the bottom and top of the body, rub on water and then join together.



Add some patterns, a tail and anything else you like, and leave to dry. You can paint your cat once it is completely dry.