

COLD CERAMIC (PLASTER CRAFT)

General Suggestions to help leaders:

- Basic of pouring whiteware could be accomplished in two meetings.
- Learning to prepare slip, pouring into mold, tapping out air bubbles. After it sets, removing it from mold. Remove rough edges from bottom. Let cure. Should be learned on small project (or have an accomplished instructor give demonstration).

Suggested knowledge/skills to be learned (all members):

1. Learn plaster craft skills for a lifetime of leisure & vocational skills.
2. Learn the names and uses of tools.
3. Learn how to select pieces, materials, tools & brushes.
4. Learn types and uses of brushes.
5. Learn correct way of cleaning whitewear.
6. Learn the correct way of brushing on paint (thin coats).
7. Put name and date on bottom of each piece.
8. All pieces must have bottoms finished with paint or felt. Lamps with cords, clocks with faces, etc. for best display.
9. Plaster craft is considered a craft by itself.

BEGINNERS (1-2 years in project)

Suggested knowledge/skills to be learned:

1. Should be simple pieces painted in four colors or less and/or stained.
2. Finished with glaze and felt.
3. Second year should do something more difficult than done in previous year.

Suggested projects for beginners: Small statue, plaques, ornaments

INTERMEDIATES (3-4 years in project)

Suggested knowledge/skills to be learned:

1. Continue using skills learned in previous years.
2. Incorporate more difficult techniques, such as chalk, staining, shading, rub-ons, etc.

Suggested projects for Intermediates: Lamps, clocks, large plaques

ADVANCED (5 years and over in project)

Suggested knowledge/skills to be learned:

1. Continue using skills learned in previous years.
2. Articles displaying highly detailed special techniques, displaying creative abilities.
3. Use most advanced techniques available.
4. Become a teen leader.
5. Demonstrate a technique and/or develop instructional materials.
6. Show and/or sell products at art shows, craft show, etc.
7. Become a member of the 4-H Creative & Educational Committee.
8. Explore career opportunities in arts and crafts.
9. Experiment with making molds.

Suggested projects for Advanced: Detailed project using techniques described above.