

## Ronald McDonald House/Habitat for Humanity Inspired Clay Houses

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Clay houses as center pieces at a Habitat for Humanity function

**Clay Used:** M325  
**Clay Glue Recipe:** White Corn Syrup, Vinegar and Water to a consistency of pudding.

Prior to the lesson share the work done by **Ronald McDonald House and Habitat for Humanity**. It is important that children see the link between art and art making change in the world. The first time I made these houses they were used at a Habitat for Humanity fundraiser as centrepieces at the gala and were then sold at the end of the evening. By creating art for auction the children are helping people in need as it relates to home and therefore safety and family.

Roll Slabs about a 1/4 inch thick or 6mm.



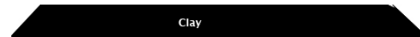
Lay pattern on. It can be cut using the pattern as a full piece or individual pieces.



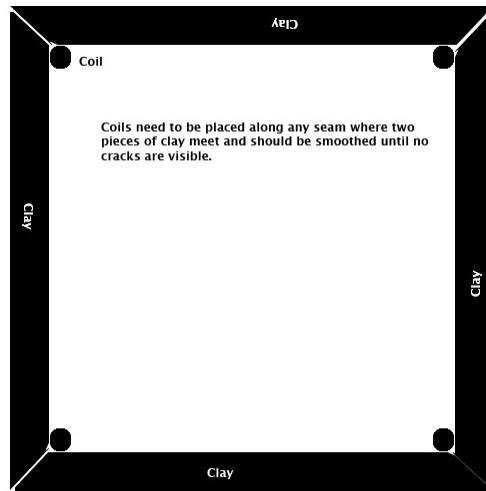
Cut pattern, making sure that the clay tool is in the completely vertical position.



Cut 45 degree angles on any of the sides that will be connected together. The top edges should NOT be cut at a 45 degree angle.



Stand up one piece at a time and score the edges, spooze, add a coil where the two edges meet on the inside of the house, and smooth each side as it is added so that the coil can no longer be seen. It is important that each and every connecting part has a coil and spooze to hold it together.



How the clay corners should come together.



How the coil looks when first put into the corner.



How the coil looks once it is smoothed out.



Paddle the house with a small wooden paddle to even out any of the edges that may have shifted during construction phase.



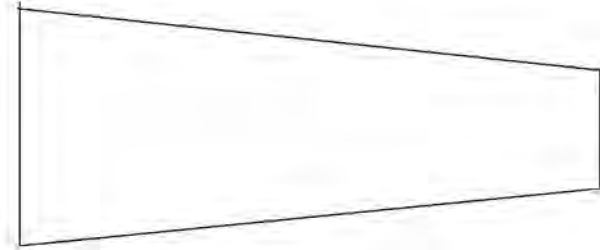


Using spare paper or cardboard make a pattern for the roof. Cut out the piece as a whole. I suggest cut it as one solid piece and create a small “v” shaped line (as illustrated below) in the clay where the piece will be folded over the centre line of the house. Fill the house with tissue so that when you add the roof it does not collapse. Spooze the roof to the house shape.



Adding the roof

For making a cathedral, church, construct a spire from paper first and use it as a pattern. (this is optional) A hole must be cut in the roof to add the spire or the trapped air will cause an explosion in the kiln during firing.



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Decorate the house, add windows, shingles, front step, window boxes, rose window etc. and of course a house number. We used the house numbers to keep track of the bidding at the event.

Be sure to spooze everything on so that it doesn't fall off.

Have fun, happy building!!!



