

Title: Tissue Box Holder

Subject Area: Ceramics

Grade Level: 9th - 12th Grade

Materials:

clay	slab roller
rulers	loop pear tool
round wire tool	pin tool
pottery sponge	wire cutter
wood modeling knife	rib scraper
kiln	wedging board
paintbrushes	glaze
slip	tissue boxes
images and example of themed tissue box holder	plastic bags
white computer paper	pencils
list of themes	

NYS Standards:

1. Students will be able to construct a clay slab tissue box holder, as well as create themed decorations out of clay
2. Students will be able to use wedging board, slab roller, various pottery tools such as a round wire tool, a loop pear tool, pin tool, pottery sponge, wood modeling knife and rib scraper
3. Students will be able to recognize ceramic vocabulary terms such as wedging, scoring, slipping, glazing, greenware, bisqueware, glazeware, clay slabs, and coil support
4. Students will be able to recognize thematic rooms and household items, as well as be able to understand how themes can be applied to pottery pieces to visually enhance them

Motivation:

Begin by asking students to describe the theme of their bathrooms at home, or if they could choose, what would the theme be of their bathroom. Ask students to name items in a bathroom that could go with that theme (toothbrush holder, soap dish, shower curtains, etc.,) If needed, explain what my bathroom at home is themed and all the bathroom items that are of that theme. Show students some examples of store bought tissue boxes. Ask them if they would go with any of the themed bathrooms mentioned. Tell students that we will be making tissue box holders to match the theme of their bathroom at home, or a theme that

they would like for their bathroom. Show images/examples of themed tissue box holders and how they fit over tissue boxes

Procedure:

1. Explain motivation, show example of clay tissue box holder and begin demonstration for project
2. Wedge 1 ball of clay about the size of a large grapefruit
3. Roll slabs on slab roller
4. Place tissue box holder templates over clay slabs
5. Using wooden modeling knife, use templates to cut the approximate dimensions of the tissue box holder out of the slabs
6. Using wooden modeling knife, use template to cut the approximate dimension of the tissue opening on the tissue box holder
7. Score and slip each slab where they will meet and smooth each seam
8. Roll out a coil support and score and slip the coil and attach inside the tissue box holder where the seams meet
9. Decorate tissue box holder by either using various clay tools to carve into the clay, or adding clay fixtures
10. Once tissue box holder is completely constructed and fired greenware, sand the tissue box holder
11. Apply glaze to tissue box holder
12. Fire bisqueware
13. Once project is finished completely, have class critique

Evaluation:

See attached rubric