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# Easy DIY pencil desk organiser



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## Materials List

The materials for this lesson can be found at a Gold or above Art Centre.

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**MMSP0007** Mont Marte Air Hardening Modelling Clay White 2kg

**PMSA0011** Mont Marte Satin Series Acrylic Paint Lamp Black

**PMMT0001** Mont Marte Metallic Acrylic Paint Blue

**BMHS0016** Mont Marte Gallery Series Brush Set

**Also required:**

**water**

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## 1. Shaping the clay

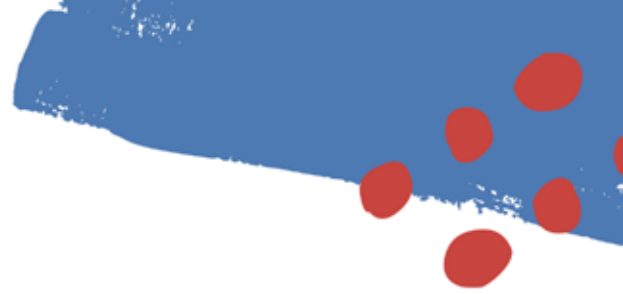
The desk organiser is quite large so we are using half a block of the 2 kg block of clay. Cut the block of clay in half with a ruler.

Fashion the clay into a ball. Fill a dish with some water and work the ball with your hands until it is very smooth and round.

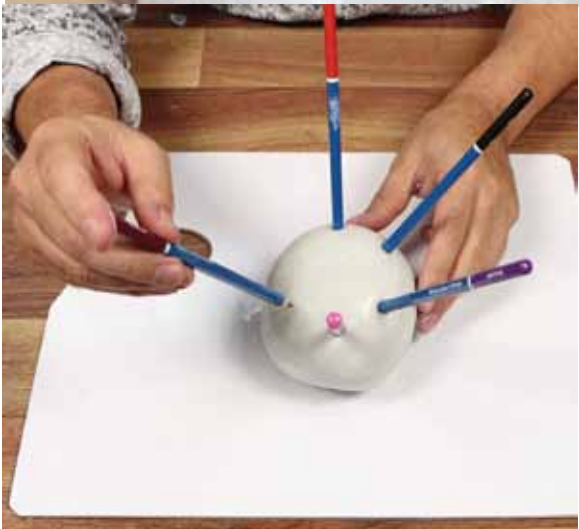


Once you finish with your clay, wrap it up and keep the remainder in an air tight container for another project.

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## 2. Inserting the pencils

While the ball is still pliable take the pencils you want to store in the organiser and gently press them into the clay ball. Its best to press them into a depth of about 2 cms. Place them evenly apart. In our project we fitted 12 pencils into our desk organiser but 24 pencils could be fitted into it if required. Let the clay dry.

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## 3. Under coating

Once the clay is dry remove the pencils. Squeeze some Lamp Black into a palette and coat the clay with a thin coat.

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## 4. Top coating

The final coat will be a metallic, so squeeze out some metallic acrylic paint and create a thin coat over the black with a soft brush. Just put a little bit of paint on the brush and scrub it onto the surface. This is called scumbling and it allows the dark undercoat to come through.



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