



Make a Daffodil with me...

Cutters For Clay

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1. Roll out your clay to about 5mm thick. If you want to add texture to your clay do this now before cutting out 1 middle piece and 6 petals



2. Score the base of each petal



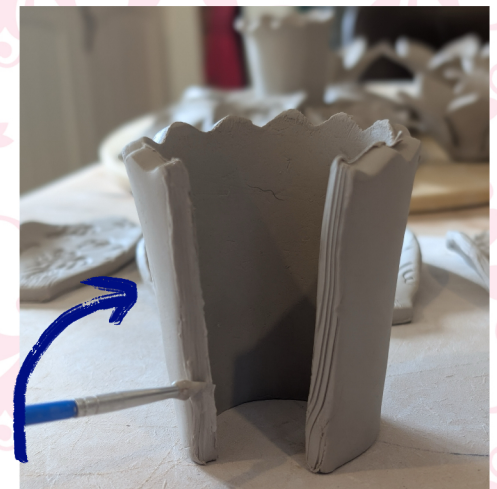
3. Smooth out and neaten up the edges of each petal on the front & back



4. Curl each petal slightly inwards to make it easier to attach them to the middle



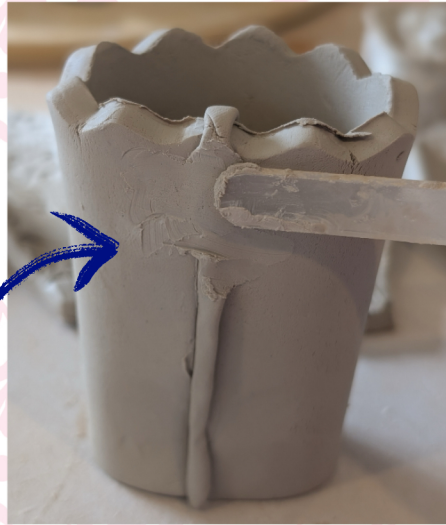
5. Let's make the middle... score the side of each of the 2 short edges



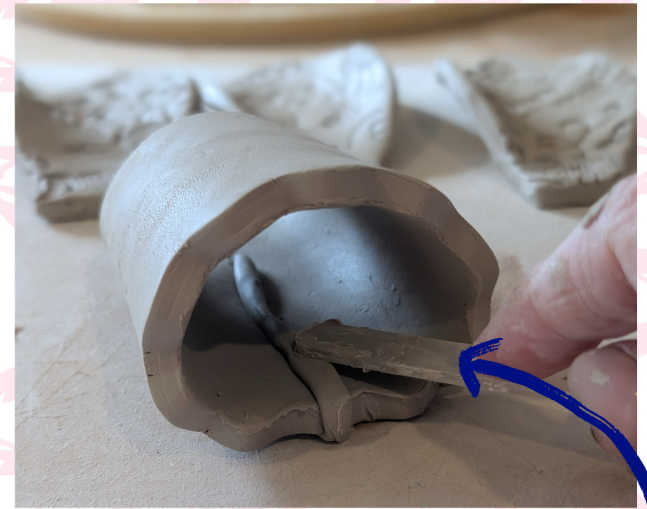
6. Paint slip onto one of the scored edges



7. Roll the edges of the middle piece together to join



8. Roll out 2 skinny sausages of clay the length of the short edge. Blend 1 into the outer seam where the middle joins together



9. Repeat the previous step on the inside seam. Lay the middle seam flat on the table to provide support



10. Score around the base of your middle piece and score a similar sized circle on a spare bit of rolled out clay



11. Paint slip onto your scored base & stick onto the rolled out piece of clay. Use a craft knife or needle tool to cut around the base and remove any excess clay



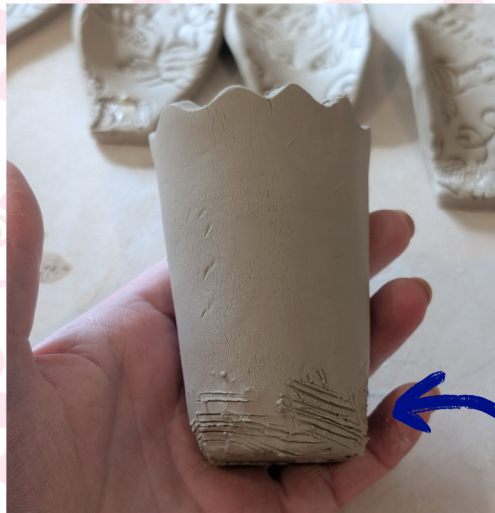
12. Blend the base into your middle piece



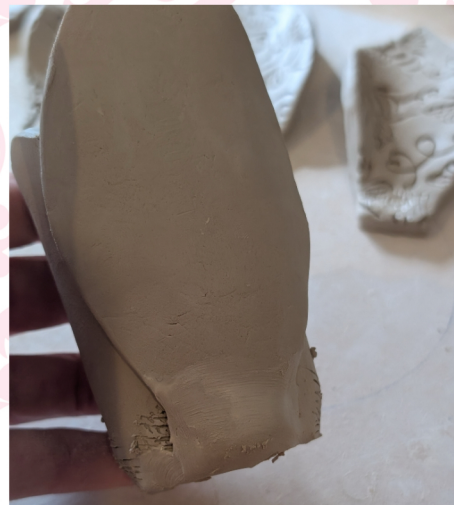
13. Add slip onto the scored base of each petal



14. Scrunch up 6 small pieces of kitchen roll - these will support your petals later



15. Score approx. 2cm around the base of the piece



16. Line up the base of 1 of your petals with the base of the middle and blend around the base of the petal



17. Add 2 more petals straight onto the middle - the 3 petals on the 1st row should just about touch each other



18. Smooth the base of your petals into the base of your middle piece



19. Add a 2nd row of 3 petals into the spaces between the petals already attached



20. Blend these petals in, smoothing nicely into the base

21. Put your daffodil onto a kiln pate or 8inch bisque tile to finish shaping & for drying so you don't have to handle & move your daffodil again before firing



22. Now onto shaping your petals... gently peel back your first petal and loop up as shown. Be careful not to tear your petal or pull it away from the base. Support under the petal with the scrunched up kitchen roll



23. Continue shaping the 1st row of petals out - support under the petals with the scrunched up kitchen roll



24. Carefully continue onto the inner row of petals ensuring each petal remains attached at the base



25. Punch out the top of the middle piece to soften into your desired shape



26. Fettle all over with a damp paintbrush then allow to dry slowly...ta-dah!

