**IIK:** “Exploring My City Through Art”

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**Lesson 1:** Clay Whales

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**Clay Whales**

**Materials:**

**Clay** Air-dry clay

**Plastic clay tools** For shaping, smoothing and carving

**Small container** For making *Slip* (Clay & water mixture)

**Water**

**Photo of whales** For you to follow while sculpting your chosen whale

**Plastic bag or plastic wrap** To wrap your unfinished whale (if you cannot complete in one sitting)

**Follow Video on making Clay Whales**

**Step 1:** Pinch a small piece of clay from your bag of clay. Then place it in a small container with a little water. Let it sit while you do the other steps)

**Step 2:** Pinch off a much larger piece to make the whale. You can make it any size you wish (I recommend you make a small one first for practice using the clay then make a larger one)

**Step 3:** Roll the clay into a ball. Then into an oval shape (follow video carefully) also keep referring to the photo of the whale you have chosen to get the correct shape.

**Step 4:** Form the Tail (follow video carefully)

**Step 5:** Cut out the fins. Score both the fins and the area where the fins go. Attach the fins using the slip (follow video carefully)

**Step 6:** Add other details and features and let dry. \* (If you are unable to finish and have to come back to it, sprinkle your clay whale with water and wrap it in plastic)

**Step 7:** Paint your whale. You can choose realistic or non-realistic colors.

**HAVE FUN!**