

A step by step process and instruction list.

Materials needed: shovel, bucket(s), water, pillow case/sheet, rope

Recommended: strainer, mixing stick

1. Dig up some soil from your yard or wherever you're sourcing your clay from, and put it into a bucket. If you are uncertain if your ground will be suitable in the making of clay do a simple soil [test](#)
2. Fill your bucket with water, then give it a good mix, you want to create a homogeneous mixture.
3. Get all that nasty junk out, you will likely have a lot of roots and rock in this mixture. There will likely be sand in the mix if you can't strain it out, don't worry just get out all the big bits and we'll come back to it later.
4. After finishing straining and filtering let your bucket sit covered for a minimum of 5 hours, so all the sand and clay can go to the bottom.
5. Dump out all the water until it starts to get cloudy as you pour.
6. If you have a second bucket you can now pull out your sheet or pillowcase and bind it around the bucket using some rope, but this step is more flexible (reference video). Just as long as you have your fabric. If you have a pillowcase just fold it in half once, if it's a flat sheet fold it in half twice.
7. You are going to take your mixture from this first bucket and pour it into your doubled fabric. There will likely be sand at the bottom of this mixture, try to get as little as possible into your fabric.
8. Once poured, take your fabric and rope and tie it off so it's a little sack, and hang it from somewhere (I hung mine from a tree). This will help get the moisture out so your clay is less sticky.
9. Let this sit for a whole day
10. Open it up! If you find your mixture is still sticky, you can take your sack down and just let it sit in the fabric for a while longer until you find your desired consistency.