

Clay animal

Demonstrate to children and ask them for ideas for how to bring the animal to life. By talking about the shapes and features that it will need you will help them to visualize what they are going to make. Discuss gesture and different poses the animal could have. How texture will be used.



Start with a rectangular shape of clay.



Squeeze a one end up for the head and the other end for the tail.

Cut a cross on the underside. Use a modelling tool or sharpened paddle popstick.



Pull the resulting 4 sections apart and model the legs.



Continue to shape the legs and body.

Shape the head

Give the animal gesture. Don't let it look dead and stiff. Give the animal detail and texture. You might need to add ears.