

## Decorative Clay Tiles

Roylco rubbing plates are ideal for decorating clay creations! This simple project is perfect for young children.

**Grade Level:** K5 and Up  
**Time:** 20 Minutes (plus dry time)  
**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Clean Up:** Soap & Water

### Materials Used:

air dry clay  
 Roylco rubbing plates  
 pencil  
 vegetable oil

### For Color:

acrylic paints

### For Glaze:

clear fingernail  
 polish  
 water  
 white glue



### Step 1

Start with a small block of moist clay. Press or roll it into a flat shape large enough to cover a 3.5" square.

### Step 2

Choose your favorite Roylco rubbing plates to use for your decorations.

### Step 3

Cover the area on the rubbing plate that you want to use with a thin coating of vegetable oil. This will prevent the clay from sticking to the rubbing plate.

### Step 4

Press the clay into the rubbing plate. Press firmly but try not to flatten the clay too much.

### Step 5

Carefully remove the clay from the rubbing plate.

### Step 6

Using a pencil, trim the clay tile to a size of about 3.5" square. The tile should be .125" to .25" thick. Try not to go over .25" as it will increase the drying time. Wrap the scraps in plastic to use for later projects.

### Step 7

If you would like to sign your name on the back of the tile, now would be the time to do it. Simply use a pencil to etch your name into the clay.

### Step 8

Allow the clay to dry completely before coloring. May take up to 24 hours.

### Step 9

Handle the tile carefully.

### Step 10

Paint the tile with acrylic paints and set aside to dry.

### Step 11

If you would like to add a glaze to your tile you can make one with the following Ingredients: clear nail polish; water; white glue. Mix the bottle of nail polish with 2 tablespoons of white glue and 3 tablespoons of water. Apply the glaze to the tile with a brush and allow to dry completely.



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