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Project: Annoyed Expresssion



Making faces is not difficult, what is more so, is making a face with an expression. There are several ways to do this. Most of the expression in a face come from the mouth and eyes. This expression will illustrate the basic shape of the face, the techniques to making expressions and some finishing techniques as well. Once you get the idea, you can adapt this technique to other faces and forms, you can put them on mugs, vases and bottles as well as pinch pots.



Step one: Start with a ball of clay, we're going to be making a pinch pot. It can be any size, this one is 3/4 pound.



Step two: Make a pinch pot, keeping it as spherical as possible. You can make two half spheres and attach them together if that's easier.



Step three: Invert the ball, you can seal the bottom or leave it open.



Step four: Using a ball tool or your finger, make depressions for the eye, the eye should be placed toward the top of the face. To leave room for the rest of the features.



Step five: Make a small ball of clay and flatten it out into a thick disk as shown, this is the mouth.



Step six: Attach the mouth to the lower part of the face, and blend the lower part of the disk to form a frown.



Step 7: Make two even sized snakes for the brow.



Step 8: Place the brow, arching the clay to make it look as if its annoyed. The placement of the brow is one of the ways to inform the expression of the face.





Step 9: Roll out a cone for the nose.



Step 10: Place the nose, smooth it in and make the nostrils with a pencil or cone tool.



Step 11 Place two equal sized balls for eyes and put in pupils with a pencil. Now your annoyed expression can judge you. At this point you can add ears or hair if you like.

