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# Project: Goofy Expression



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:** Carve several lines where the mouth will be as shown, kinda skeleton like! Make a shallow slit below the lines.



**Step six:** Roll out two tapered cylinders, one larger than the other, these are the upper and lower lips.



**Step 7:** Place the upper lip as shown, leaving one corner of the mouth open to show the teeth.



**Step 8:** Blend the upper lip into the face toward the eyes, as shown, leaving the lower section of the lip as is, to show the teeth.





**Step 9:** Add the lower lip and blend in as shown. leave enough of the mouth open to show the teeth.



**Step 10:** Add two cylinders to make the brows, play around with placement to see what expression you want him to have before you blend them in. I blended them in from top this time.



**Step 11** Make two different sized balls, one should be larger than the other. These are his crazy eyes.



**Step 12** Make one pupil much larger than the other. Play with the size and placement, the crazier the better for this guy!



**Step 13** Make two balls and pinch them into shallow cup, leaving one end a little thick as shown to make his ears.



**Step 14** Place his ears and blend them in toward the chin as shown, You can add earholes if you like, but he is crazy so whatever you do is great!