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Activity: Slab Construction
Art Studio: Beginning

CLAY SLAB CONSTRUCTION COURSE OUTLINE I

I. <u>Catalog Description</u>

- A. Sculpture Slab Construction
- B. (#) hours per week
- C. Prerequisites: None
- D. Provide student with basic sculpture construction skills.
- E. Recommended for hobbyist serious artists

II. Expected Outcomes

A. The course is designed to give student a better appreciation and understanding of construction techniques in clay.

III. Material and Supplies

- A. Equipment-
 - 1. Kiln for firing ceramics
 - 2. Sink with running water
 - 3. <u>Clay</u> for constructing projects
 - 4. Storage for supplies
 - 5. <u>Plaster</u> for constructing bats and drape molds

B. Supplies -

- 1. Damp box or Large coffee cans with lids
- 2. Rolling pins
- 3. Plastic picnic knives and tooth picks
- 4. Sponge (live or fake)
- 5. Plastic double edge 12 inch rulers
- 6. News paper
- 7. Large tree leaves for leaf vessels (optional)
- 8. Aprons (to keep cloths clean)
- B. References (see Earth Institute book list and library references lists)

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- 1. (None Required)
- C. Reference Web Sites, Databases and Student Supplies
 - 1. Artists Web sites:
 - a. AFRAM http://www.earthmetropolis.com/Earth/ afram1.html
 - 2. African American Art Database: http://www.earthmetropolis.com/Afram Slides/afrm slides.html
 - 3. African Images Database: http://www.earthmetropolis.com/Africa_West_and_South_of_The_Nile/slides.html
 - 4. Nile Valley Database: http://www.earthmetropolis.com/ Nile_Valley/dbase_Nile.html
 - 5. European Art Database: coming soon http://www.earthmetropolis.com/Earth/institute1.html
 - 6. Student Course Materials/Paper Supplies:
 - a. Free PDF files with course material or information
 - b. http://www.earthmetropolis.com/Earth/institute1.html

IV. Minimum School Facilities and/or Materials Required

- A. Standard Classroom
- B. Multimedia Projector and Screen or Computer connected to internet (optional).
- C. Shades for Windows for using slides (optional)
- D. Place to store clay supplies
 - 1. Locker or shelf to put tool used in assignment
- E. Computers with Access to World Wide Web:
 - 1. View step by step process on how to construct difficult hand works of clay.
 - 2. Plug-ins for flash video and Adobe Acrobat 5.0

V. <u>Description of Course Content</u>

- A. Announcements of current Art shows, dance, theater and other cultural art forms.
- B. List of hand built projects to choose from
 - 1. Rectangular and cylinder boxes
 - 2. Slab draped mold
 - 3. Leaf vessel
 - 4. Human & animal figures built from cylinders, cones & spheres. (advanced optional)