

## Mindful Modelling with The Museum of Royal Worcester

For 250 years, Worcester factories made beautiful china for people's homes. They made everything you can think of that *could* be made from porcelain, including *plates, cups and saucers, asparagus dishes, vases* and *models* of animals and people. At the factory, it was a modeller's job to design each model out of clay, and to make sure they looked *just like* the real thing, most modellers used real animals and birds as their inspiration.

### Model like a Royal Worcester Modeller!

You will need:

- Some playdough
- Blunt pencil or thin paintbrush (for details!)
- Some **IMAGINATION!**

First of all you'll need to decide what you're going to make. You could choose your all-time favourite animal in the whole wide world, or use the following ideas to help you choose:

- An animal or bird you might spot in the countryside like a horse or a hedgehog.
- A bird or insect you might see in a town or city, like a pigeon or dog.
- A sea creature like an octopus or shark!
- A household pet like a cat, dog or rabbit.
- A dinosaur! "Raaaaaa!"

(When you've modelled something and are happy with it, we'd love to see it. Send it to us at [info@museumofroyalworcester.org](mailto:info@museumofroyalworcester.org) or post it to our Facebook page [facebook.com/TheMoRW](https://www.facebook.com/TheMoRW)).

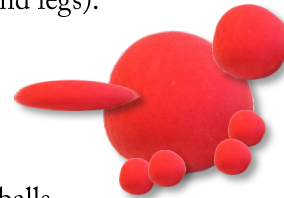
### Using your playdough

Once you've chosen your animal you'll need to split your playdough into manageable 'pieces'. For most large mammals, like a horse, cow, dog, cat, etc., you should split your big ball up into at least seven smaller balls (one each for head, body, tail and legs).

Other animals will need less balls. A snake or a fish might only need one or two!

Shape your smaller playdough balls into the right shape, and then use your fingers to connect them together.

You can use a pencil or the end of a thin paintbrush to create detail in the face, and to add ears and feet. Don't forget you can use different coloured playdough if you want to make your model more colourful!



A pug's eye and nose!

### To make playdough:

Follow this simple recipe to make your own playdough at home. Each recipe makes one ball of playdough.

You will need:

- 8tbsp plain flour
- 2tbsp table salt
- 60ml warm water
- Food colouring
- 1tbsp vegetable oil

Mix flour and salt together in a large bowl. In a separate bowl, mix together the water, a few drops of food colouring and vegetable oil. Pour this liquid into the flour mix and stir it well with a spoon.

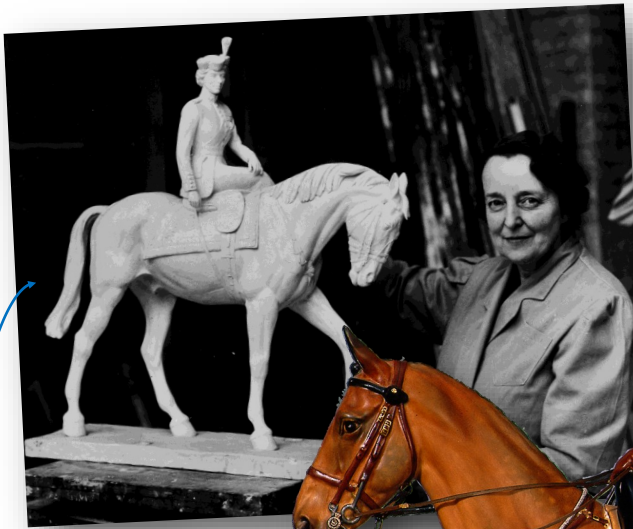
Dust a work surface with a little flour and drop your mixture onto it. Knead for a few minutes to form a smooth, pliable dough. If your dough isn't bright enough for you, add a bit more food colouring!

You can store it in an airtight container in the fridge - have fun!



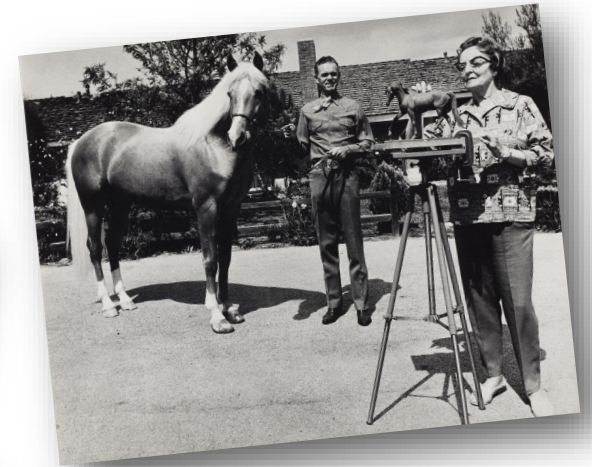
## Be inspired by Royal Worcester Modellers!

Use the images on this page to inspire you when thinking about modelling your animal. Some of Royal Worcester's best known modellers used *real life* animals to help them get their models *just right!* You might not have access to a real horse or cow right now (or maybe you do!), but you probably have a window to the outside world, and a few books. Maybe you even have a television and access to the internet? Do you have pets you could model? Or teddies?



In 1947 Elizabeth II attended the 'Trooping the Colour' ceremony riding a bay police horse named Tommy.

See Doris Lindner (above) with a model of 'Princess Elizabeth on Tommy', which was painted by Harry Davis (right)!



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