

It's really fun to mold your own spirit doll faces. If you roll a ball of air-dry clay and stick it on a paper drinking straw, you can mold features that reflect your doll's purpose.



Here's some information on the best air-dry clays to use in our Simple Grace of Spirit Dolls workshop:

SELECTED AIR-DRY CLAYS, PROPERITES AND COSTS



Crayola Air Dry Clay

This is my all-around favorite air-dry clay. It's a natural earth clay which air-dries to a hard solid. Use it to make clay sculptures, decorative items or plaques. No baking or firing needed. Easy clean-up. Minimal shrinkage. The wet clay takes impressions well from rubber stamps or textured materials. You can also press beads, small stones or other decorative items directly into the clay.

Cost: about \$10 for a 5'lb. bucket



LaDoll

Distributed by Activa, this is the doll artist's choice for excellence with its mixture of pumice, talc, small amounts of paper pulp, and additional binders. Extremely pliant, it can be worked indefinitely by keeping it moist.

Cost: about \$10 for a 1-lb package



Polyform Model Air

Polyform Model Clay Air Dry takes on texture and shape beautifully. No oven or kiln needed, let air dry for 24 hours. Decorate dry projects with paint or markers, store unused clay in an air tight container.

Cost: about \$10 for a 2.2-lb. package



Amaco Mexican Pottery Clay

This is self-hardening red clay supplied in moist form ready to use. When dry, modeled objects are hard and durable. It's hard to tell a finished piece from authentic red earthenware fired clay except for the weight.

Cost: about \$14 for a 5-lb box