A small decorative clay pumpkin trinket box

Lid and base paper pattern • Free, no signup or purchase.

Make a small air-dry clay pumpkin with a separate loose lid for rings, clips or other dry trinkets, then paint or seal it if you like. The free pattern gives a 3-inch base circle and a 3.25-inch lid circle to plan around, with space to note how the lid fits after drying.

What you need

• DAS or another air-dry clay, a washable surface and age-appropriate shaping tools
• Optional: craft paint and a sealer whose labels say they suit air-dry clay
• Free lid and base paper pattern (PDF); printer, pen and scissors

Steps

1. Plan the two parts

Cut out the 3-inch base and 3.25-inch lid circles from the pattern, or resize them, and sketch a small decorative pumpkin base with a loose-fitting lid. Allow for drying shrinkage rather than making a tight wet fit.

2. Shape separately

Form the base with even walls and a flat foot. Make the lid separately with a small handle. Keep the lid off while drying and avoid a sealed hollow cavity. Use air-dry clay you already have, or check the actual optional product before buying.

3. Dry and check the fit

Air-dry both parts according to the clay label, turning carefully when firm enough. Check the lid fit after drying and note any gap or rubbing on the worksheet.

4. Finish if you want to

Paint or seal only after both parts are fully dry, and only with products whose labels say they suit air-dry clay; follow those labels for coats and drying. Any finish is decorative. Use the box for dry nonfood trinkets only; clay and sealer do not establish food or water safety.

Tips

• Follow the actual clay, adhesive and finish labels for age suitability, thickness and drying. Adult supervision is required for tools and small parts. Air-dry clay is decorative, not edible, waterproof or food-safe by default. Use only battery LED lights where relevant, never flames.

• The free printable is available without signup or purchase. Optional Amazon links are affiliate links.

• Keep the handle and any leaf or stem detail short and thick; thin curls of dry clay can snap. The illustration is a concept, and its fine details may not be practical.

FigureNook design and planning guide. Visuals are original AI-generated concept illustrations; review manufacturer specifications, dimensions, and product instructions for final suitability.

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Clay thickness from the label

Base: planned diameter and wall height

Lid: planned diameter and handle size

Drying start date and label directions

Lid fit after drying (gap or rubbing)

Finish: paint / sealer and what its label says

Before you finish

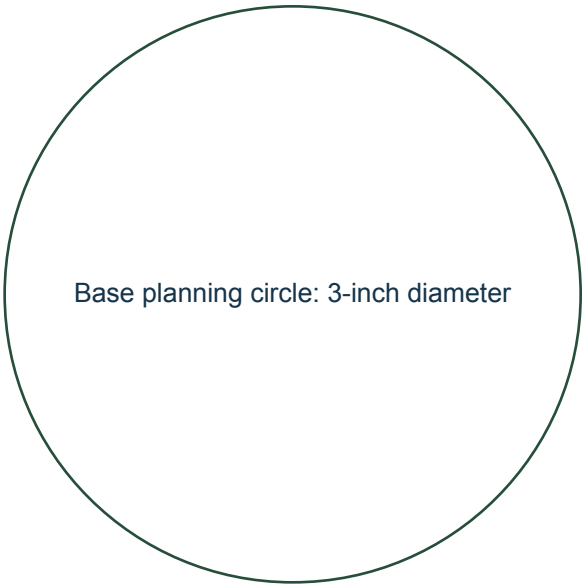
- [ ] Lid dried separately from the base
- [ ] Paint or sealer used only after full drying
- [ ] Box kept for dry nonfood trinkets only
- [ ] Handle and details kept short and thick

Trinket-box base and lid planning rings

Print at actual size on US Letter. Check the 1-inch scale box before using.



1 inch / 25.4 mm





Use the rings as planning outlines. Clay shrinkage varies; dry parts separately and adjust fit.
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