Acorn place-card holders

Air-dry clay project | Printable reference and drying checklist

Materials

- Air-dry clay and a suitable craft mat
- A blunt modelling tool and a paper scrap for the card slot
- Lightweight paper place cards
- The clay manufacturer’s drying instructions

1. Trace a small acorn

Use the printable acorn shape as a roughly two-inch reference or sketch your own. Work with air-dry clay on a suitable craft mat. Make the bottom broad and flat so the finished piece can stand.

2. Make a shallow card slot

Shape the cap separately or impress a cap line. Use a suitable blunt tool to make a shallow slit at the top for a light paper card. Support the clay while working and test with a paper scrap without leaving the card trapped in wet clay.

3. Dry before the table test

Follow the clay manufacturer's directions for thickness and drying time; do not bake air-dry clay unless expressly permitted. Once fully dry, test on a flat table with a light card. Decorative clay is not food-safe or a toy for small children.

Follow the actual material and tool directions. Decorative clay, foliage and paper are not food-safe or flame-safe by default. Use suitable supervision and keep small pieces away from children and pets.

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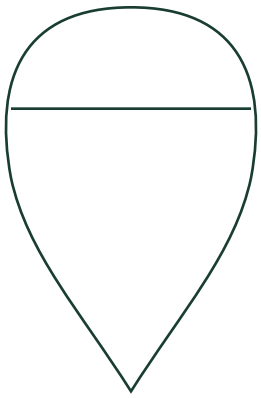
Print at actual size; the square should measure one inch.





Shape reference (about 2 inches tall)

Drying checklist

- ☐ Read the clay maker’s thickness and drying directions.
- ☐ Note the maker’s stated drying time: _____
- ☐ Record when you made the piece: _____
- ☐ Let the piece dry fully as directed; do not bake unless expressly permitted.
- ☐ Test on a flat table with a lightweight card after it is fully dry.

The outline is a shape reference. Shape a flat base; make the slot with a blunt tool.