

Birds of a Feather by Sam (Krankpod Workshops)

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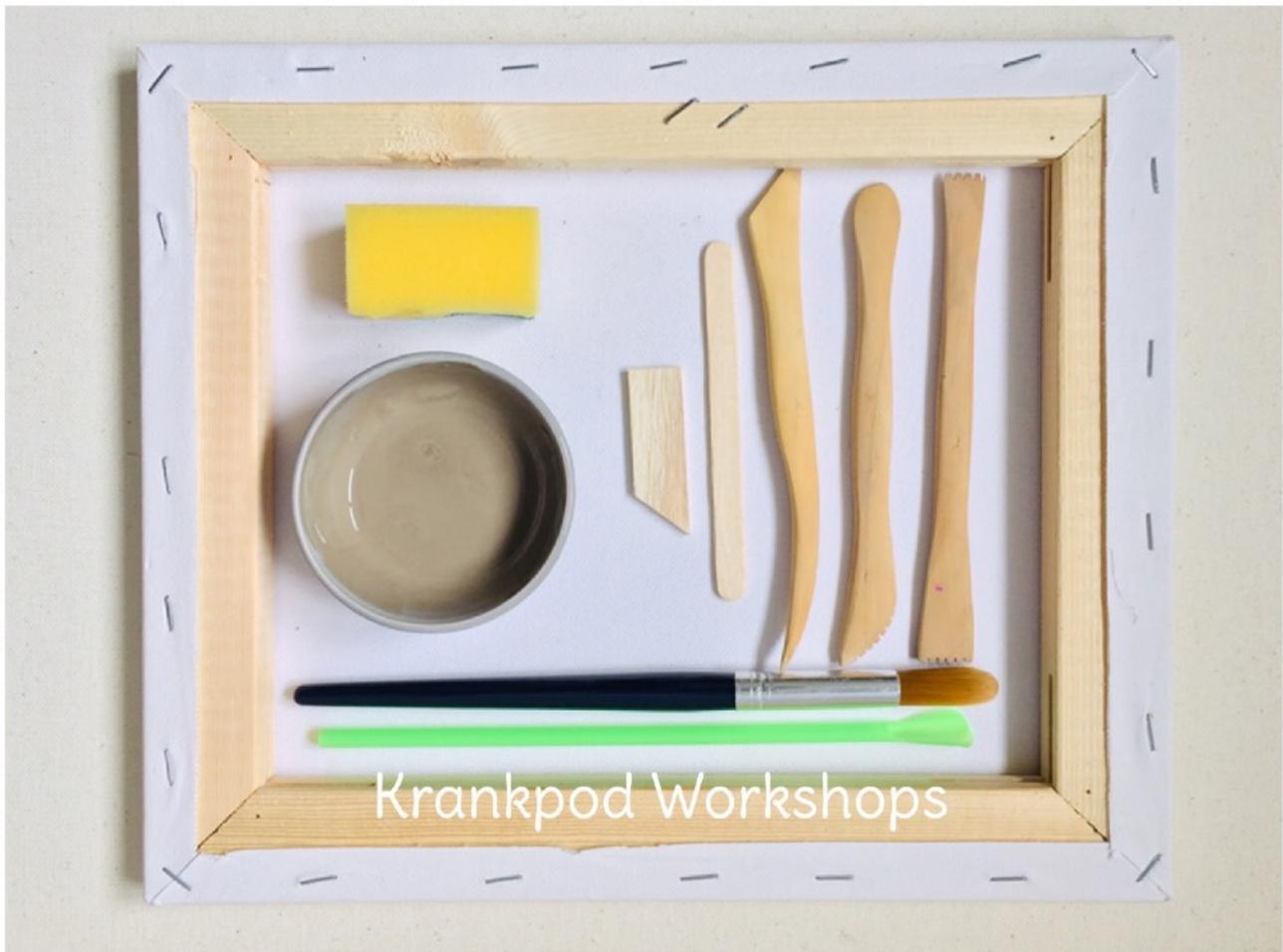
Materials:

Today we'll be inspired by the very colourful world of 'birds of paradise'. Please Google images for inspiration...

You will need to following materials:



Pipe cleaners, feathers, different sized pegs, plastic diamonds, shells, ice lolly sticks, sticks, two round bases for your display (please feel free to swap any materials out for other similar ones).



You will also need these tools and air drying clay.

Step 1:

Design and make at least 3 birds, in 3 different sizes using air dry clay/embellishment, plus a perch for them to sit on.



Step 2:

Construct a perch using a large wood slice as a base, sticks as support with a small wood slice for the top. Use a generous amount of clay to ensure stability, along with pipe cleaners if needed. Put to one side for later.



Step 3:

Mould 3D bird shapes in 3 different sizes. Start with a sphere of clay and mould using your hands and fingers. My samples are made out of one piece of clay, and required no making tools. If you want to join 2 pieces of clay together, use a clay and water mixture which works like a glue (slip), apply with a brush.

You can decorate your birds of paradise using pottery tools, other materials/ embellishments should be gently pushed into the clay and require no slip.



Step 4:

Arrange your family of birds around the perch, the lightest one should be on the top, but only if it's steady enough. You don't need to glue them into position, so you can change the arrangement when you choose. Allow to dry overnight and brush a coat of PVA onto the clay areas for to prevent dust. Handle with care, for decoration purposes only.



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