

Art Smart - 4th Grade
February - Inuit Art

Project Idea: “Release the Form Within” Sculptures

Materials Needed:

wax paper
clay*
toothpicks (multiple per kid)

Instructions:

Some artists believe they are releasing the form which lies hidden within materials such as stone, wood and clay. Ahead of time volunteers will divide clay into individual portions and put in baggies (so it does not dry out, don't do this too far in advance) for each student. Students will then get a piece of wax paper, a bag of clay and some toothpicks. Have students manipulate the clay in different ways until it begins to resemble an animal or human form. Consider if the creature should combine animal and human forms, or if the creature should combine animal and spirit forms. Students can also sculpt what they believe their “spirit” animal might be!

*Clay should be on supply shelf but also can be ordered from amazon: Need 25 lbs of Crayola air dry clay in white for \$29. It came in 4 bagged sections which was split between the two classes. After it dries (couple days), it can be colored with markers or painted.

