

Clay Teapots

Inspired by blue and white porcelain from the Yuan Dynasty.

Geography- Australia's neighbours.

History- Chinese art in History.

1. Research blue and white porcelain from the Yuan Dynasty. Look at various vases etc. and have students practise some designs in their art books (Ensure they are not too intricate or big as they will need to be painted onto the teacups).
2. Give each student a piece of clay that is approx. 100g. Ask them to roll the clay into a sphere (if there are cracks in the ball have students smooth it out with a tiny bit of water)
3. When done, have each student press their thumb into the clay (make sure they do not go all the way through).
4. Place both thumbs into the hole and inch the outside of the pot till the walls are about the thickness of a cookie. Place in a cool dry room to dry for a few days.
5. Once finished, paint the cup in white and then, using a thin paintbrush, add their designs with cobalt blue paint.
6. Allow to dry and then spray with varnish.