



Sundance Kid Press©

Lesson 1

Letters with Clay & Fingerpaint¹

*A*²

Materials

- whiteboard / easel with paper (*you need both the whiteboard and a sheet of paper on the easel*)
- clay
- fingerpaint & paper to paint on
- small cups for the fingerpaint
- paper towels or cloths for students to wipe their hands & fingers on
- objects that start with the letter **A**³ (*acorn, almond, apple, apricot, abalone, alligator, ant, ape, apron, airplane, ankle*)

Introduction

1. Draw a large, thick, upper case letter **A** on the whiteboard.
2. Introduce the letter **A** as the first letter of the alphabet.
3. Introduce students to the items that begin with the letter **A**.
4. Explain the lesson objective:
 1. Use clay to make the letter **A**.
 2. Use fingerpaint to paint the letter **A**.

¹ Can be combined with a beginning reading program.

² This lesson can be adapted for all alphabet letters as well as numbers 0-9.

³ <https://www.inspirethemom.com/100-objects-that-start-with-a/>

Demonstrate ~ Modeling Clay

Use the modeling clay and demonstrate how to make a “roll” of clay.

1. Tear off a piece of clay
2. Roll the piece of clay between your palms until it gets thinner and longer.
3. Three pieces of clay are required for the letter **A** (one for each side and one for the middle)

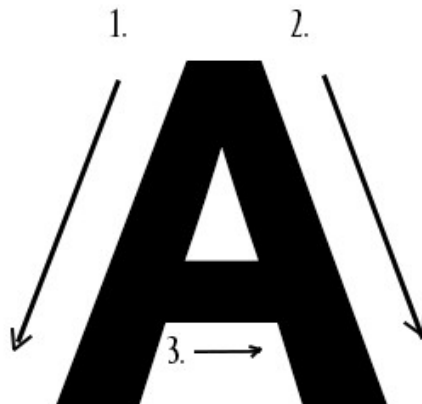
Student Activity #1 ~ Making the Letter “A” with Clay

1. Explain to the students that they will use the modeling clay to make their own letter **A** like the one on the whiteboard.
2. Pass out the clay.
3. Walk around and assist students as needed.

Demonstrate ~ Painting the Letter “A” with Fingerprint

Demonstrate on the easel (*use PAPER not the whiteboard*) how to use fingerprint to paint the letter **A**.

1. Dip your index finger in the fingerprint.
2. Start with line [1] on the left going down.
3. Next, paint line [2] on the right going down.
4. Last, paint line [3] in the middle
 1. *from left to right (if you're right-handed)*
 2. *from right to left (if you're left-handed)*



Student Activity #2 ~ Paint the Letter “A” with Fingerpaint

Make sure the students keep their clay letter on their desk so they can use it as a reference to help them paint their letter A.

1. Pass out the paper and small cup to each student.
2. Squeeze a small amount of fingerpaint into each cup.
3. Walk around and assist as needed.
4. Collect the clay and clean up while the fingerpaint dries.
5. Give them their letter to take home.