



## Stamped Air-Dry Clay Scalloped Bowls

Supply List		
Air Dry Clay	Mini rolling pin	Varnish Sealer
2 Rubber stamps	Bowls/ moulds	Paint brush
4 Stamp Pad Colors	Sticks for thickness	Round 6" paper pattern
	Sandpaper	Bonus mini bowl/mould

You will need a butter knife, small cup of water & a flat protected surface. Kit has enough for bowls, plus a smaller mini-bowl (5 total)!

CAUTION: While sealers are included to make your pieces water-resistant, air-dry clay will remain porous and not safe for food without a polyurethane sealer. If desired, this will need to be purchased separately.



Thickness:

- Divide clay evenly into 4 balls. Set 3 back inside plastic bag to avoid drying, and work with one at a time. \*
- Smash the ball down on the flat surface with the palm of your hand in all directions, so that the clay is mostly in a circle.
- Place sticks on either side of the clay (wide enough for your clay to expand) then roll out your clay with uniform thickness.
- Use the height of the two sticks (laying flat) as a guide for proper thickness.
- Place the paper circle on top of the clay, then cut around the edge. remove excess clay (roll in a ball & set inside plastic to avoid drying out).

**STAMPING TIPS:** Test stamps on paper to see design before using on clay.

- *Dab stamp into ink a circular motion to ensure full coverage.*
- *Stamp clay while flat, before placing in bowl. Press firmly to imprint the stamp designs into the clay for added texture.*
- *If desired, gently flip clay to stamp other side.*
- *Stamp around the top edge on the inside or outside. Stamp all of the inside or outside, or both.*
- *Use different stamps, use different colors or the same color.*
- *Always clean stamp after each color. Soak in water with a bit of dish soap.*
- *Reuse stamps for other projects - match special notes if giving your bowls away as gifts!*
- Gently set clay inside the mold, holding like a tent with 4 fingers, then gently press into the sides of the bowl.
- Press stamp around ink pad to ensure even coverage.
- You can stamp both sides if desired, or just the rim. You can also stamp after the clay is dry.
- For best results, let dry in a cool dry place for 3-7 days. To prevent warping, keep away heaters or heat vents.
- Once completely dry, apply 2 coats of the varnish sealer.

**IMPORTANT:** even with this sealer, your clay project is not food safe without a polyurethane sealer and should only be cleaned with a slightly damp cloth. This clay can be softened if exposed to moisture.

\* You'll have enough for 5 bowls plus a mini bowl (and a little more left after that for whatever you might want to try – like jewelry or mini sculptures!)



Roll out the clay using the stick to keep your rolling pin at the correct height. Lay one of the round paper templates on top, then use a butter knife to cut away extra clay (make sure your surface is protected so you don't cut into it!)



Design your bowls how you like.

TIP: The ink pads make perfect spacers for the stamps!



Allow ink to fully dry before setting into bowl. Gently remove the clay from the surface. Carefully set the clay in the bowl as shown. Adjust as needed, then slowly press the clay against the bottom of the bowl. Expect the clay to buckle a bit, then carefully press together.

To get the scalloped edge, simply press along the top and remove excess clay. If one area doesn't have enough, just add a little clay then dip a finger into water before smoothing.

Allow to completely dry before applying varnish!