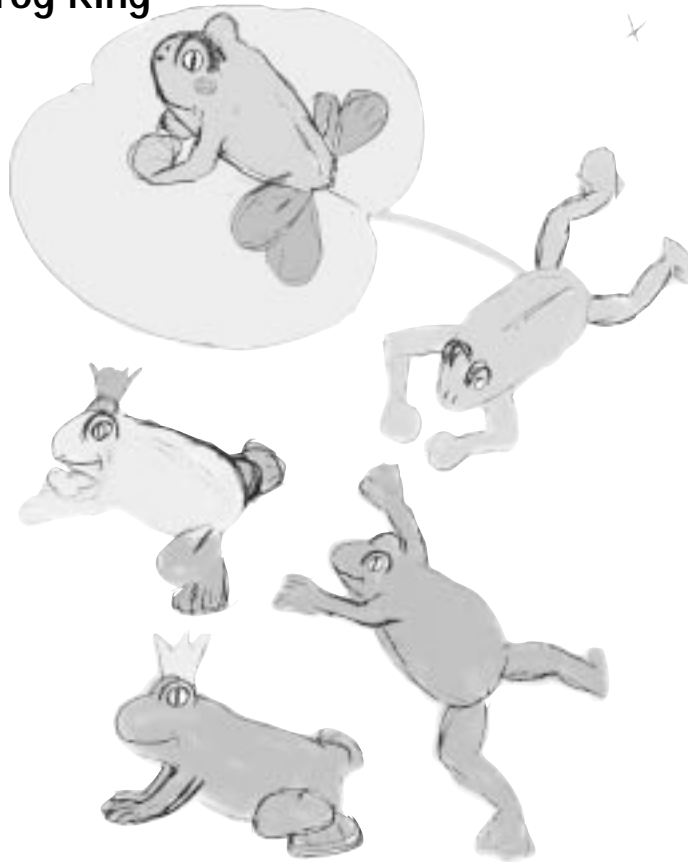


pottery - tips

Number 9: The Frog King



You need:

Wire to cut

Wooden modeling tool or pencil

Pottery cutting needle or toothpick

Wire loop modeling tools

And ... clay!

Who does not know the fairy tale of the frog king? You can kiss our frog king, but we cannot promise whether he changes to a magic fairytale prince.

He is a true artist anyway: you just have to have the right ideas: a frog which has nothing better to do than hanging around will become an athletic jumper, who is jumping from one water lily to the next.

If you want to know whether you soon have a handsome prince at your side, or may only dream about him, make first of all your frog king. Then you will know more.



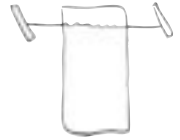
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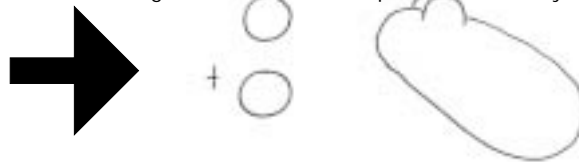
① For bigger objects (approx. 10 cm) the use of dead clay is recommended. Then potted parts do not burst so easily. Open the clay packing, cut off the required amount of clay with the **cutting-wire** and close the packing, so that the clay does not dry up. Mix and knead some clay with water to a mash: this is our "glue" for all parts to be set on. It is enough to dip small parts shortly into water.



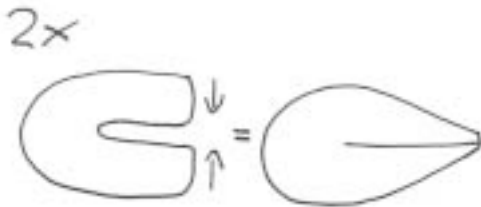
② First you have to form clay in the shape of an egg. This will be the body of the frog.



③ Now you have to form two balls and then press them against the head and spread them firmly.



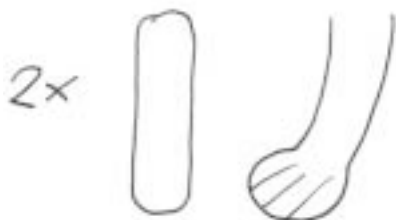
④ For the hindlegs a sausage is crushed in U-shape.



⑤ Then two flattened drops are coated with "glue", stuck under the U-parts and spread well.



⑥ For the forelegs two sausages are formed, bent in the lower third and pressed flat.



⑦ Glue the leg pairs to the contact pieces, press them firmly to the body and spread well. Now our frog has four legs.



⑧ Press a big hole in the eye bumps (**modeling stick**). In this hole a small, shortly in water dipped clay ball will be pressed. Now, you have only to press one slit in the balls, and finished are the eyes.



⑨ Those who like can put a crown on the frog and ready is "a frog king". You have to press a piece of clay flat and form it to a bag. Cut out some pieces and stick small balls with glue on the points and the frog can be crowned.



⑩ Finally control one more time whether everything has well passed by and then the good piece can dry. The drying time should amount to **approx. 2 weeks**.

