

Ceramic Tools



Wooden rib

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Scraper

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Fettling knife

This tool is used to cut clay



Modeling tool

This tool is used for more intricate and detailed modeling.



Paddles

This tool is used to hit or paddle your clay into a shape. It is excellent for adding flat and sharp edges and plains. The textured paddles add texture



Needle tool

This tool is used to carve fine lines



Sponge

This tool is used to keep your hands moist while working with clay. It can also be used to smooth the texture of your clay piece.



Cutting wire

This tool is used to cut chunks from a large piece of clay.



Loop tools

This tool is used to care your work by removing clay in the shape and size of the wire loop at the end of the handle.



Banding or bench wheel

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Ceramic Tools Work Sheet

Directions: Fill in the bank below the picture with the name of the tool.



Directions: Use the word bank below to fill out the left column of the tool definition.

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