



## **Clay workshops for Children for 2024.**

Hello,

I offer 4 different types of workshops for kids. Following are the details for each of them. If you would like to combine or customize a workshop, please write to me and I can try to do so.

### **1) Clay Modelling**

We would be making animals like turtles, penguins and giraffes. We would also dabble into mystic creatures like unicorns, dragons, mermaids and toadstool houses. I usually keep many options, depending on the children's age group and skills set, I modify what is to be made according to the audience. For example, we start with small easy things like turtles and move towards making sheep, giraffe etc. If the mood of the kids is to make snow man or even a penguin, I am happy to demonstrate how to make them. (I will also bring some samples) The idea is to teach them some techniques that would be useful even in my absence but at the same time keep the session relaxed and fun.

Depending on Season and theme, I incorporate things. For example, for spring, some flowers and tulips with a Mushroom house and butterflies. Buzzing bees and lady bugs. Introduce the kids to pre spring nature, like snowdrop flowers and angel fish. With a water theme, we can do sea creatures, Mermaids and dolphins. The session is with some trivia knowledge of the things we are making, like where are octopus found or the difference between a turtle and tortoise. In the spirit to keep the kids engaged and attentive.

Many a times, children suggest what they would like, if possible, I try to incorporate that. The clay is a very versatile material, children tend to enjoy the malleability of clay and they love to

make crazy imaginary creature. Therefore, instead of pushing them to make things exactly like me, I encourage them to modify. The underline idea being, they learn the technique but are free to explore their own creativity.

I usually engage in describing the animal habitat, be playful and help them customize their own animals. I help them to make textures, patterns and other decorations. I also bring along molds to make shells, clay stamps to take clay print of flowers, cookie cutters so they can play around as well.

At the end of the session, they usually have around 5 to 10 objects (in between 3cm -7cm H) at least to carry home. The board is filled with animals or objects that where taught and some funky imaginative object which they happily boast on. Wonderful isn't it!

### **Duration:**

1 hour 30 min. (With a 10 min. break for drinks) I don't really cut short the class, if the kids are settled in and still want to make few more animals, I do continue for half an hour more. But in my experience the younger lot tend to lose focus after 90 min. So please consider that in your planning.

### **Cost:**

- 280 euros inclusive 9% BTW. (All COST inclusive)
- Minimum of 4 kids. Maximum of 10 kids. (Age groups: 4-6 yrs. or 7-10 yrs.)
- 30 euros inclusive 9% BTW for each student after that.
- Nonrefundable Partial Payment (100 euros) has to be done during confirmation. And the remaining to be paid 2 days in advance.
- An Invoice will be provided after the session.

## **2) Mask making.**

The activity is specially designed for kids who have attended my workshops earlier or are familiar with the medium.

In this particular workshop the clay revolves around masks that are derived from nature. We take inspiration from the Ostara and Samhain pagan festivals. They celebrated the spring and the end of harvest by decorating their mask with natural elements. The children will learn to make natural motifs of leaves, flowers and how to attain different textures in clay. At the same time they would be intricately decorating the mask. Different techniques of clay making like sgraffito, inlay work is also taught to them. During the workshop I also narrate stories and historical facts about Mask.

They will also have plenty of stamps and stencils to play around to enhance their masks. Remember they will be making the mask all from scratch, the base, the structure and the lavish decoration. The idea is to understand the process and enjoy the final creation.

If time permits, we will also make a self-portrait Mask, which would be the funny self of one's own perception. This activity is conducted in more playful way where they feel their own face and recreate their observation.

Please note I do not force the child to make something that he doesn't want to make, so there is a possibility that one of the kids in the group barely makes anything. At the same time, the pace of every child is different, so depending on the group as a whole I evaluate the pace and the complexity of the piece. There would be plenty of reference materials and some prototypes.

When the masks are dried, they can be colored with water colors or acrylic colors. (Not done during the workshop)

Baking is Not included in the price.

### **Duration:**

2 hours and 15 minutes. (15 mins of break in between)

**Cost:**

- 280 euros inclusive 9% BTW. (All COST inclusive)
- Minimum of 6 kids. Maximum of 10 kids. (Age groups: 4-6 yrs. or 7-10 yrs.)
- 30 euros inclusive 9% BTW for each student after that.
- Nonrefundable Partial Payment (100 euros) has to be done during confirmation. And the remaining to be paid 2 days in advance.
- An Invoice will be provided after the session.

**Materials:**

-Clay and Tools, Texture tools, plywood board.

The animals, mask and other objects made by children are off course given to them to take home. For convenience, I provide a ply wood board for each child.

The unused clay is handed over to you for later use.

- Wooden and plastic tools, clay stamps, molds and cookie cutters, sponges, plastic bowls.

They are taken back after the session.

**Provisions:**

- Clay and other materials should be picked by the parents before the event.
- After the session the area will be coarsely cleaned by me. A thorough cleaning will be done by the Host.

## **Clay:**

The clay is 100% organic, natural and laser purified according to EU standards. The clay used in the session is unused, meaning it is factory packed and will be opened just before the class. I divide the clay into small balls and keep it in a plastic tray for use. (Sometimes to save time I get the clay ready at the studio and bring along if the location is more than 20 km from my studio)

The clay is grey or red in color. When dried it can be colored with water colors or acrylic colors. (Not done during the workshop)

The clay is also reusable, so you can knead it or keep it moist for future use.

Any clay stuck to the clothes or floor goes away without a stain.

## **Host's provisions: for 1 and 2 options.**

A sturdy table and chairs. Please do not keep stools and rotating chairs. A strong NO for infant feeding table.

A washbasin area preferably closer to the room. Some cleaning supplies like wet wipes and mopping cloth.

## **Transportation – (WHEN STATED)**

*-1<sup>st</sup> Option (preferred)*

*If it's in the vicinity then I would come by bike or else, I would take the public transport and you would be paying the absolute cost of travel (round trip) there is only one hitch. In my experience on Weekends especially, there is always some train issue or some connectivity problem. I will try my best to reach on my own but just in case might need a pick up from the*

Main station. We can figure it out few days earlier. Hopefully I should be able to reach on my own.

#### -2<sup>nd</sup> Option

I would charge you for the rental car. I will have to check what the cost would be, which is usually calculated on hours and distance basis.

An advance of 150 euros is taken for the car booking. The exact amount may vary, so the total absolute cost is settled later. Depending on expense the excess is refunded or charged.

#### -3<sup>rd</sup> Option

Someone from your end will pick me up and drop at my address.

In all the three scenarios, I arrive atleast 30 min. early then the scheduled session. I make the clay for use and arrange the table for the activity. I will also carry Samples that are displayed across the table. We start the session after a brief introduction.

### **3) Pottery and clay workshop**

During this workshop children get to play with clay on the potter's wheel in addition to doing clay modelling. They will initially make a theme-based objects. For example, enchanted forest or animal farm. This activity is quite popular with kids as they get to fiddle with clay in all it glories. The wheel especially is fascinating and kids find it very exuberating. Many a times they want to come back for more sessions.

Obviously, they take everything that they make.

This activity is only possible at my studio in Amsterdam.

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During the Workshop 1 parent\Adult must be present.

## **Materials:**

-Clay and Tools, Texture tools, plywood board.

The animals, mask and other objects made by children are of course given to them to take home. For convenience, I provide a plywood board for each child.

- Wooden and plastic tools, clay stamps, molds and cookie cutters, sponges, plastic bowls.

These are studio property, so will stay in the studio after use. Damage to any studio pottery is payable by the visitor.

- Disposable Aprons will be provided.

-plenty of reference material, demos and visuals are provided. The activity is designed in way that children not only learn new skills but get to explore their own creativity.

## **COST:**

- 300 euros (clay modelling + potter's wheel)
- Minimum of 4 kids. 40 euros per child after 6 children. Maximum capacity of 10 kids (Age groups: 4-6 yrs. or 7-10 yrs.)
- Nonrefundable Partial Payment (150 euros) has to be done during confirmation. And the remaining amount to be paid 2 days in advance.
- An Invoice will be provided after the session.

## **Duration:**

- 2- 2 1/2 hours.
- 1 hour of clay modelling. After that Each child will make few pots on the wheel after that (depending on their age they will be assisted) More or less 1 hour of pottery.

Please note. For children between 4 – 6 years, they won't be individually operating the wheel; they will make pots along with me.

If there are 10 kids, then with parent permission they will get individual time on the wheel for 20 minutes each.

## **Facilities at the studio**

- There are toilet facilities in the complex. (Assisted by the parent)
- The studio is disable friendly but the toilets unfortunately aren't. Please take a note of that.
- Complimentary Juice and biscuits. (Parents can bring snacks, paper plates etc. to the studio)
- The Snacks and cake cutting has to happen in the booked schedule. NO extra time can be given for that.
- Paid Parking only.

## **4) Mug Painting**

Many a times we want our kids to make something useful yet have fun and at the same time learn a new skill. Well, this is a perfect session for you.

During this workshop they will learn to paint their own mugs with special ceramic colors.

I will glaze them in the oven at 1150 degrees Celsius. And after **a week** they will be returned to you. These mugs are then dishwasher, oven and microwave safe. Kids can use it for Milk or other things. This activity is quite popular as a family activity as well.



**Cost:**

- 30 euros per person inclusive 9% BTW. Minimum of 4 people.
- 25 euros per person for 15 or more.
- All materials, oven baking is included.
- Total cost to be paid while booking the session.
- Extra for postage if any.
- An Invoice will be provided of the whole payment after the session.

**Duration:** – 60 to 120 minutes.

**Location:**

- This activity is possible at the studio as well as at other locations. The transportation cost applies when it is not at the studio. This to be discussed according to the requirements.
- Minimum 20 people if it's at other location.

**Birthday Souvenir's –**

- The things that the kids make obviously will be taken by them, along with them I can make a fridge magnet with their name on it. This is like a permanent reminder of the fun day, something personal and Unique.
- Cost – 65 euros (extra). I usually make for all the kids attending the party and for the siblings of the Birthday kid and one or two for the dotting parents.

- The design depends on the theme. Since I already discussed the spring theme, the fridge magnets could be in the shape of a flower. (Bisque and glazed) Along with that I would add a handmade tag on which you could write a personal note for the kid.
- They take around a week to be made so have to be confirmed at least 10 days in advance.

If you have any more queries, please feel free to email me or call. Thank you!!