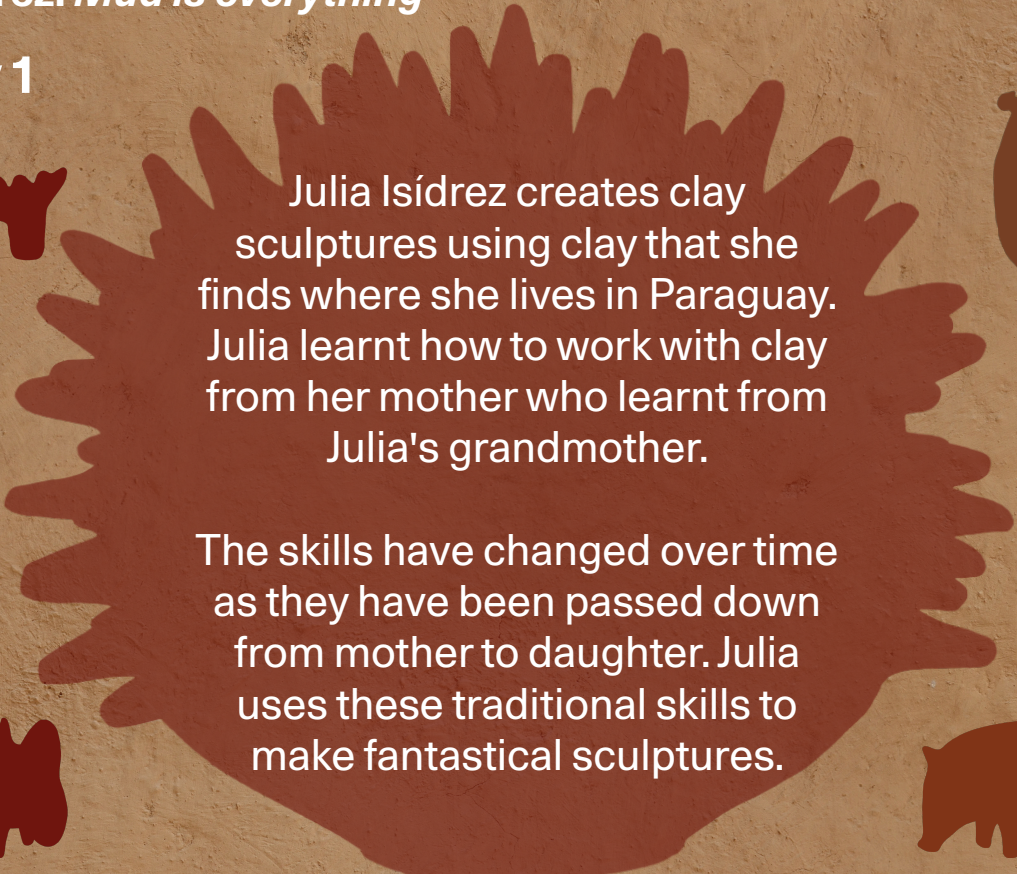


Family Resource : Natural Connections

Julia Isídrez: *Mud is everything*

Gallery 1



Julia Isídrez creates clay sculptures using clay that she finds where she lives in Paraguay. Julia learnt how to work with clay from her mother who learnt from Julia's grandmother.

The skills have changed over time as they have been passed down from mother to daughter. Julia uses these traditional skills to make fantastical sculptures.



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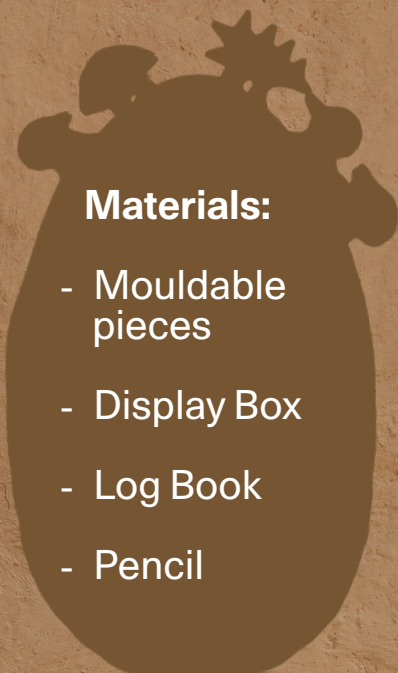
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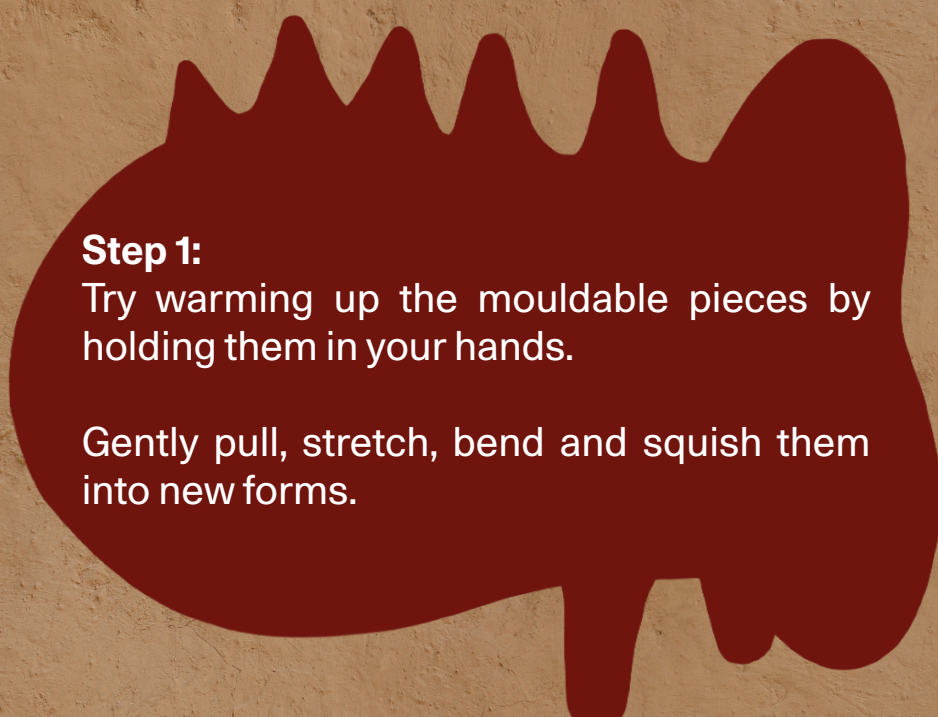
Make a Sculpture

Work together to make a mini sculpture inspired by Julia's artworks.



Materials:

- Mouldable pieces
- Display Box
- Log Book
- Pencil



Step 1:

Try warming up the mouldable pieces by holding them in your hands.

Gently pull, stretch, bend and squish them into new forms.

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Make a Sculpture



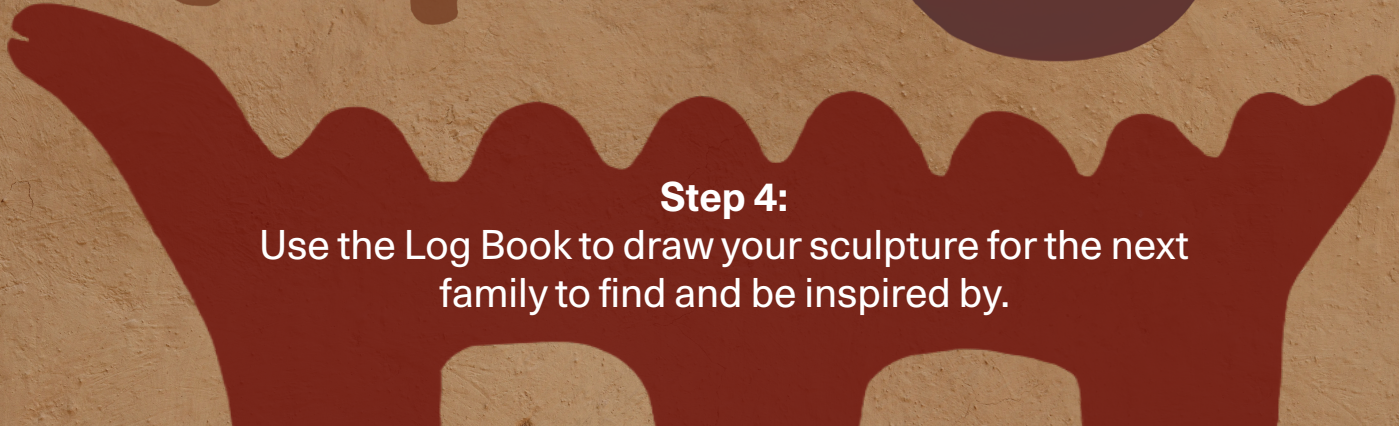
Step 2:

Take it in turns
to mould the pieces and
create something new.



Step 3:

Put your pieces
together to create
a sculpture.



Step 4:

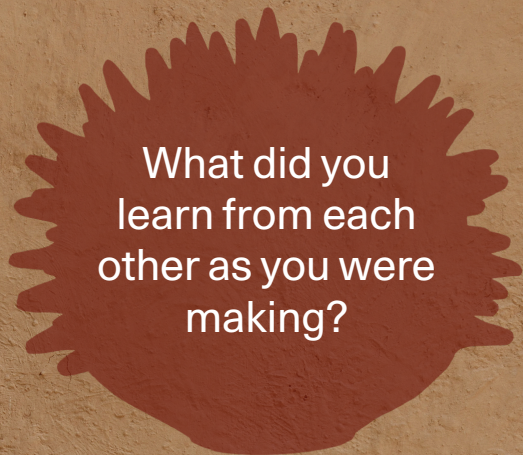
Use the Log Book to draw your sculpture for the next
family to find and be inspired by.

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Sharing Skills

Julia's mum taught her the different clay skills which are traditional in Guaraní Indigenous communities.



What did you
learn from each
other as you were
making?



Can you
share another
time you learnt
to do something
new?

Maybe from
someone in your
family or from a
friend.



How does it feel to
share skills with
others?

