

Follow the simple steps below. You may also want to download the written instructions from our shop at <http://onlypassionatecuriosity.com/shop>.

Step -1:



Let's start with the Joseph clay figure. Cut out 4 slices of clay of the following ratio, 0.75:2:2:0.5. The 2 large slices are for the scarf and the body, the medium slice is for the head, and the smallest slice is for the rope to tie around the waist of the clay figure.

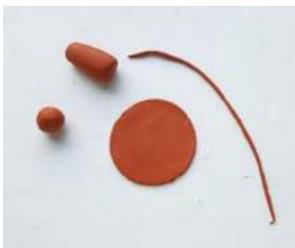
If you're doing this with older kids, it's a great time to talk about ratios! If you're doing it with young children, you can simply have them cut out a small piece, a medium piece, and 2 large pieces.

Step -2:



Knead and roll all the clay slices into round ball shapes.

Step - 3:



Roll the smallest clay ball into a long thin rope. Keep the (medium) clay ball for the head as it is. Flatten one of the biggest clay balls into a thin circular disc. Shape the other clay ball into a cylinder-like shape for the body.

Step - 4:



Place the clay ball (the head) on the flat disc near the top. Place the body shape on the disc right below the head.

Step - 5:



Wrap the clay head and body shapes with the disc. Be sure to "fit" the disc to the head and body.

Step - 6:



Carefully wrap the clay rope around the waist of the clay figure and tie it in the middle.

NOTE: If your rope belt breaks, just re-roll it and try again! Or you can use a piece of ribbon or fabric to make a belt if you'd rather. It's up to you!

Step - 7:



Cut off extra parts of the rope if required and use the extra clay to form the cane. Attach the cane on a side of the clay Joseph figure.

Step - 8:



Cut off a slice of clay to craft the manger pattern.

Step - 9:



Shape the clay piece into an oval shape and then use your fingertip to indent the middle.

Step - 10:



Use 1/3 amount of clay (compared to the amount used for the manger) to craft 2 cylinder-like shapes and attach them to the bottom side of the manger.

Step - 11:



Measure and cut out 3 clay pieces to craft the head, body, and flat round shape (to wrap the baby Jesus figure) for the baby Jesus clay figure.

Step - 12:



Place the clay head and the body on the flat clay piece.

Step - 13:



Wrap the baby Jesus clay figure with the flat clay piece as nicely as you can. Cut off the extra part of the flat clay piece after wrapping the baby Jesus.

Step -14:



Place the baby Jesus clay figure on the clay manger.

Step -15:



Use more clay to craft a flat piece as a base/floor for the clay nativity dolls. Allow the clay craft to dry entirely.