

Sculpture: Name the Monster Project

Materials

1 lb reusable modeling clay -- choose one or several colours

Goal

Use an art project to inject fun and humour into the workplace. Here's a quick art project for the office that provides a good laugh and encourages inter-office team building (aka stress relief). Multicoloured reusable modeling clay (like Plasticine) is a non-drying material that is easily modeled. A 1-lb package costs only \$2.95.

1. Create your own 3-D monster, or goofy figure, sculpted from modeling clay.
2. Display it in a common area and take a digital photo of it.
3. Have a contest for friends, coworkers and customers to name the monster.
4. Next week, pass the clay on to another department or business partner.
5. They create their own monster, display it, photograph it and name it.
6. Post the images on a real or electronic bulletin board.
7. Have fun! Creative people are never bored.



Schools can use this idea, too. A 1-lb block of modeling clay can be divided for two students. Colours can be shared back and forth.

The project can be linked to other subjects:

- **Language Arts:** Write a poem or story about your monster.
- **Science:** Classify your monster. Is it mammal, bird, amphibian? Diagram the anatomy of your monster and describe its eating habits.