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Box Press How to

The Basics



Start out with a fresh slab of clay, in this example we use a 1/4 inch (6mm) thick slab.



Use the containment ring as a guide and a needle tool to cut out two pieces.



We recommend using some corn starch as a release agent on the inside of the mold and the rounded part of the press.



Just a little dusting should do the trick. Note that the mold is assembled. Left and right pieces and the containment ring around it.



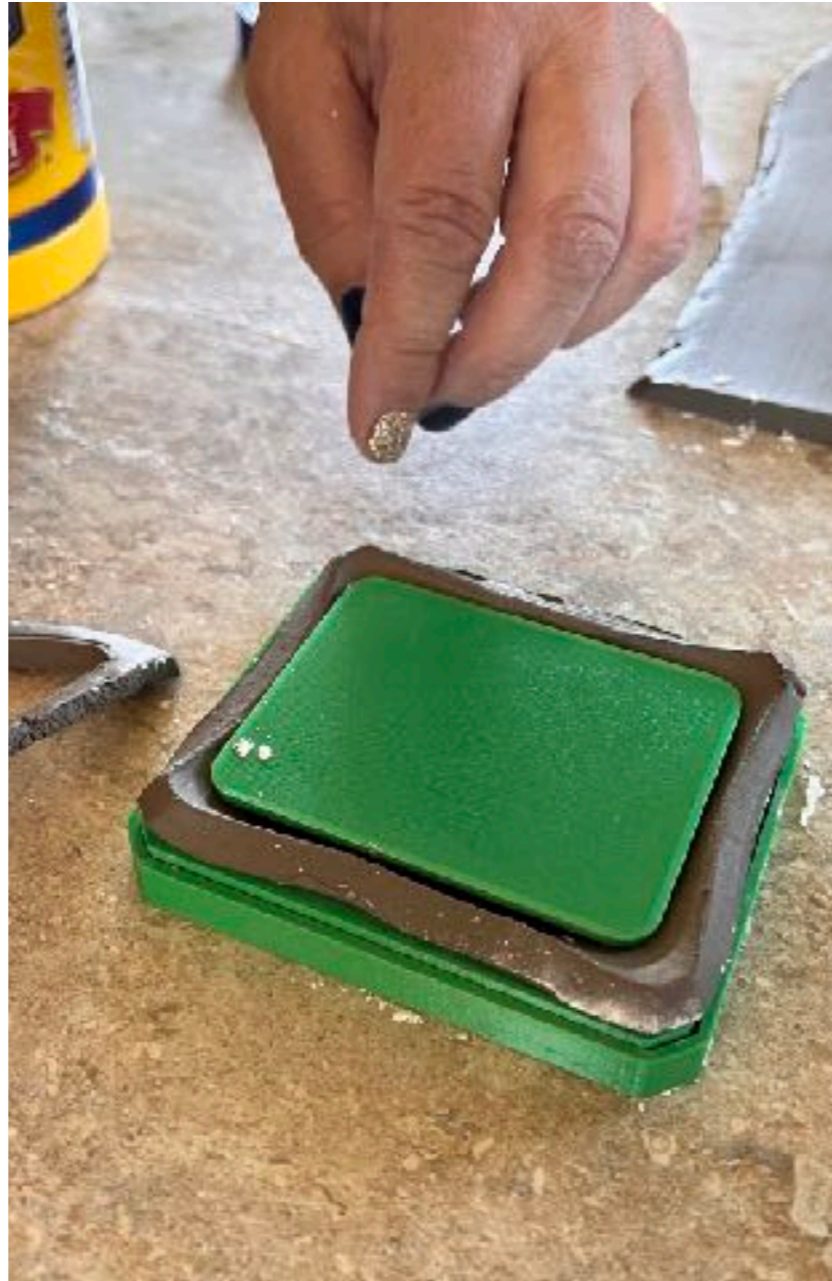
Place your freshly cut slab on top of the assembled mold.



Start by lightly pressing the slab into the corners and work your way to the opposite end.



Here you can see the slab has lightly taken the shape of the mold.



Place the press on top of the slab.



Firmly apply even pressure on the press. Some clay will work its way up on the sides.



The press should be not quite level with the mold. Use your knife or needle tool to trim off the excess. The mold can serve as a guide to create a nice even cut.



This is what it will look like once trimmed. Remove the ring.



Flip over the box mold, and remove the halves leaving the press in place.



Sometimes there is a little excess clay that oozed out during the pressing. This is easy to remove and why you should leave the press inside to have something as a backing for smoothing.



Use your tool of choice to smooth out the excess. (credit card , ice scraper, kidney rib.). Go ahead and remove the inner press.



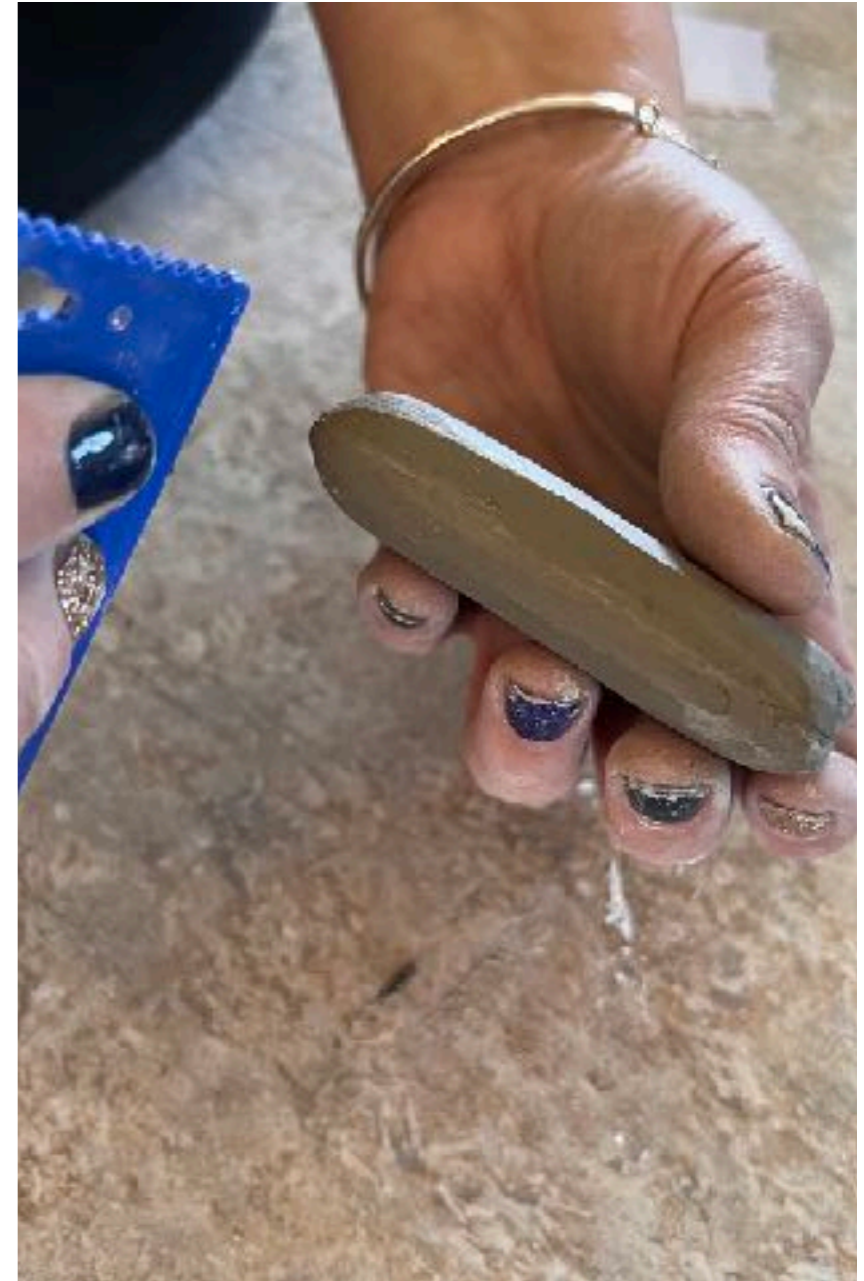
Score your box half. Repeat steps 1-5 for making a whole box.



Slip and score.



Attach both halves together.



Smooth out the seams.



Once smoothed, lightly tap the box on all four sides to give it a little extra squareness and thickness.



Viola! One box ready for your creations!