Want to enjoy Tiny Thursdays at home? Explore a DAI artwork, watch a virtual read-aloud story and then follow along with project instructions found below!

### Clay Peas in a Pod!

**Description:** young artists hear a story about the struggles of a little pea. Then, using household ingredients and **with the help of parents**, make their own homemade clay to be used for a pea-inspired sculpture.

**Story:** “Little Pea” written by Amy Krouse Rosenthal and illustrated by Jen Corace (Chronicle Books; 2005)

### Let’s Talk about this Artwork!

- What do you see?
  - Look for triangles and squares.

- This artwork is called **Harvest Jug**.
  - What could you use this jug for?

- A **harvest** is when you gather **crops**, or foods that grow on a farm.
  - What kinds of foods come from farms?

- What is painted on the jug?
  - Many of these items are **tools** used to do work on farms.

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Supplies Needed*
1) Elmer’s Glue
2) white vinegar
3) baby oil
4) lotion
5) cornstarch
6) bowl for mixing
7) measuring cup
8) tsp and TBSP measuring spoons
9) green food coloring
10) wax or parchment paper for table
11) plastic clay knife
12) dowel or rolling pin

*in this project, we’ll be making clay.
Can’t make homemade clay today?
Use Play-Dh and skip to step #6!

Project Skills
1) Fine / Gross Motor
   a) Rolling
   b) Pinching
   c) Shaping
2) Language development
   a) Expressive: speaking
   b) Receptive: listening
   c) Discussing
3) Spatial Reasoning
   a) Shape identification
4) Mathematical
   a) Measuring
5) Sensory Processing
6) 21st-Century
   a) Creativity
   b) Problem-solving
   c) Collaborating

Project Instructions

1) Pour 1 cup of Elmer’s glue into your mixing bowl.

2) Add 1 TBSP of baby oil and 1 TBSP of white vinegar to the glue.

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3) Next, add 1 TSP of lotion and 1 ½ cups of corn starch.

4) Mix in green food coloring with a large spoon. Add more cornstarch slowly until mixture is less sticky and able to be removed from bowl.

   **Helpful hint:** if you would like more colors of clay, separate into individual containers before adding food coloring.

5) Lay down a piece of wax or parchment paper on the table and sprinkle with a lot of cornstarch. Place the clay onto the paper and knead it while adding cornstarch until it no longer sticks to the paper or hands.
6) Cut off a piece of the clay (about ⅓.). Cut the smaller piece into three sections and roll each into a ball. These will be the peas. Set aside.

7) Use a rolling pin, dowel, or hands to flatten the remaining clay into a rounded diamond shape. Keep clay around ½” thick. This will be the peas’ pod.

8) Smooth clay with fingers, then pinch softly around edges between finger and thumb.

9) Place peas inside the pod and fold the sides in to hold the clay peas. Pinch corner ends of the pod together to form shape and stem.

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10) Admire your creation. What else can you make with this clay?