pottery - tips
Number 2: Snowdad and Son

You need:

Wire to cut
Wooden modeling tool or pencil
Pottery cutting needle or toothpick
Wire loop modeling tools

And … clay!

Wintertime is snowman time. Unfortunately they don't last for a very long time. But our clay snowman will be there even during summer.
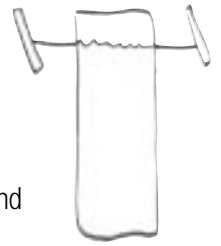
And because we don't want the snowman to be lonely, his son comes along.

So give it a try.
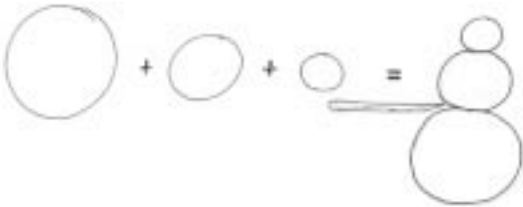
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Nabertherm

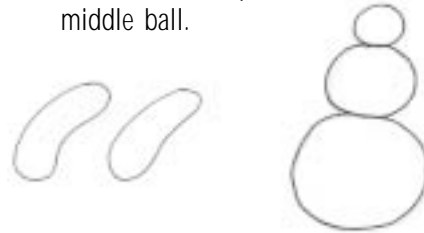The kiln to success:
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① For bigger objects (more then 10 cm) we would recommend to use dead clay. The modeled objects won't break so fast. Open the bag of clay and cut a small piece of clay with the **cutting wire**. Don't forget to close the bag, because the clay will dry. Mix some clay with water so that you will get a mash: that is the glue for the clay! It's called slip. For small parts it will be enough if you dip them shortly into water before you will fix them.

② First form three balls of different sizes. Spread slip on connecting parts and put them on each other.

③ Form two rolls, bend them slightly and fix them with slip to the sides of the middle ball.

④ Press a pointed drop with slip to the top ball. That is the nose. Flatten two small drops and fix them with slip under the biggest ball.

⑤ Glue several small balls beneath the nose in the shape of a mouth. Dent two holes above the nose and fill them with

Because we don't want our snowmen to be cold, we can make them clothes:

⑥ Small balls fixed with slip can be buttons. A flat clay string can be a scarf.

⑦ A thin triangle can become a headscarf. A folded pin becomes a cap, and add a small ball to the tip of the cap.

⑧ A roll on a disc can become a hat but don't forget to hollow it out from the bottom.

⑨ At last, hollow the snowman out with a **wire loop**. Air locked in clay could cause the snowman to crack during firing. Dry for at least **2 weeks** before firing.

⑩ A broom is made by connecting a thin roll to a U-shaped disc. With a needle some structure can be added. Fix the broom well to the body so it won't break off later.