

WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY

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May Mirrored Vanity

Ages 5-12

CONNECT.

Think about an important person in your life. It may be your mom, dad, aunt, uncle, grandma, grandpa, neighbor, teacher . . . the list goes on! Once you have someone in mind, take a moment to think about your relationship with this person. Why are they special to you?

INVESTIGATE.

While your Mirrored Vanity is already a special gift, let's add one more extra-special touch: a necklace handcrafted by you!

You'll need:

- Your Mirrored Vanity
- Polymer clay multipack
- Plastic knife or craft knife
- Ruler
- Long, thin nail
- Baking pan and oven
- Crayons or colored pencils
- String

Before you create an entire necklace, let's give one test bead a try:

1. Cut off an inch of clay and use your hands to roll it out until it's about as thick as you would like your bead to be. Try to make the whole roll about the same size!

Tip: If you would like your bead to be multi-colored, stack two or more smaller pieces of clay on top of each other *before* you roll.

2. Decide how long your bead should be, and use the knife to cut off a piece of the roll.



3. Lightly roll this clay piece in your hand one more time to remove any cracks. Then mold it into the shape you would like the bead to be. Not all beads have to be round! You could even make a small pendant instead of beads.
4. Once you're happy with the bead's shape, place it in the refrigerator for 15–20 minutes to help the clay become firmer.
5. Finally, use the nail to create a hole through your bead or pendant. Hold the bead in one hand and the nail in the other. Slowly push the nail into the piece of clay and spin it as you do (almost like you're inserting a screw!). Once the nail goes out the other end, remove it and insert it through the other way too.
6. Follow the directions on the clay's packaging to bake your item.
7. When your bead has cooled, observe how it came out and try to place a piece of string through it. Is there anything you would want to change or keep in mind when you create the rest of your necklace?

INNOVATE.

Now it's time to think about what the recipient of your gift would like best. For example:

- What colors are their favorite?
- Would they prefer a necklace with lots of beads or a simple pendant?

Once your beads have baked and cooled, cut an extra-long piece of string. Place your beads or pendant on the string, and then decide on your necklace's length. Be sure it will fit over a head that's a little bigger than yours! Then secure it with several knots and cut off the ends.

Last but not least, carefully place the necklace in your Mirrored Vanity's drawer... and get ready to make someone's day!

MAKE. CREATE. EXPLORE.

