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## Create Your Own Homemade Clay

First as a glassblower, then as a sculptor, and presently as a painter, Acquietta Williams has created a wide variety of work. Inspired by stories of African-American women, she often emphasizes color, pattern, and shape. Celebrate Black History Month by taking inspiration from William's piece entitled, *Cut Vessel*, which is in the current exhibition at RAM in downtown Racine, *RAM Showcase: Abstraction*. Make your own sculpture with homemade clay created out of materials you may have at home.



Acquietta Williams  
*Cut Vessel*, 1989  
Glass, enamel paint  
and found rock  
8 1/2 x 13 x 4 inches  
Racine Art Museum,  
Gift of Michael L. and Anne  
Brody in Honor of Judith  
and Stanton Brody  
Photography: Jon Bolton



### Supplies

- Mixing bowl
- Spoon
- Measuring cups
- Baking tray
- Flour (1 cup)
- Salt (1/2 cup)
- Warm water (1/2 cup – 1 cup)

## Instructions

1. Measure 1 cup of flour and 1/2 cup of salt.
2. Mix them together in a bowl.
3. Add in 1/2 cup of warm water, adding more as needed to get the dough to become a firm, moldable texture—similar to playdough.
4. Once your dough is formed, begin to shape it into designs! Use cookie cutters or other tools available in your kitchen to create shapes.
5. Once your designs are constructed, place them onto your cookie sheet.
6. Bake in your oven at 150 degrees Fahrenheit. Flip or rotate your pieces as needed to allow them to bake evenly. The amount of baking time will depend on the size and thickness of your pieces.



## Examples of projects

