

Russian Nesting Dolls/Matryoshka Dolls



Objectives/Requirements

- Create a set of 4 nesting dolls using any building technique
- 3 dolls must be hollow and open. The smallest one can be solid (if it is small enough)
- Each doll must be incrementally increasing in size and fit inside the larger.
- The shape may be traditional or something more original and unique to your design
- The dolls may all have identical designs or each can be different (with similar shapes) with an overarching theme.
- Each doll must have some details made with clay with the decorative method of your choosing.
- They must fit together using a flange and gallery lid (see below). Flange must be on bottom half of doll
- You must account for shrinkage in the clay to ensure they fit after firing (especially if glazing) .

Example of flange and gallery lid



Grading: (35 points total)

Smallest doll: 3 points

Reflection questions: 2 points

Each opening doll is worth 10 points and the breakdown for each is as follows:

2 points for a good fit, the top fitting on the bottom

2 points for having a flange and gallery lid (flange on bottom half of doll)

4 points for fitting inside larger and/or smaller doll (top and bottom must both fit inside the nest doll)

2 points: quality and craftsmanship of construction, clay details, and paint/glaze

Name: _____

Period: _____

Create a sketch of your nesting dolls below. Draw the overall shape of the dolls. Make notes explaining what technique you will use to make the pieces and what elements/details will be clay (required). Also list what technique you will use for details (applique, carve, piece, etc.).