

Pottery instructor Karin Pavey shows you how to make your own fish plate at home. Follow the step-by-step instructions and share your work with us. Catch ya later!

Materials:

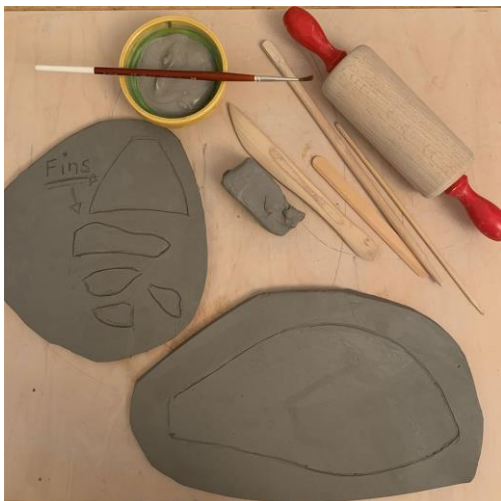
- Clay or other modelling material (try one of our [homemade clay recipes](#))
- Rolling pin
- Plastic knife
- Popsicle stick
- Wood skewer or chopstick
- Water and brush
- Sponge

Instructions:

Roll out two slabs of clay or modelling material, one for the fish's body and the other for its fins.

Draw the outline of your fish with a skewer or chopstick before cutting it out with a knife. Do the same with the fins.

Keep the extra to roll coils for details.



Make lines and scales on the cut-out fins and body with your modelling tool or skewer and a Popsicle stick.

Make a small ball for the fish's eyeball.

Roll out a couple of small coils for the mouth and gills.



Score (scratch) the eyeball and coils with your skewer and stick them on using a bit of water.



Lift up edges of your fish using both hands to create the desired plate shape.



Score (scratch) the tail with your skewer and stick it on using a bit of water.



Press a straw or toothpick into eyeball to create the pupil.

Smooth the coils with your tools or fingers, and use a damp sponge to smooth the edges.



Take a photo of your work and share it using **#GardinerFromHome**.