

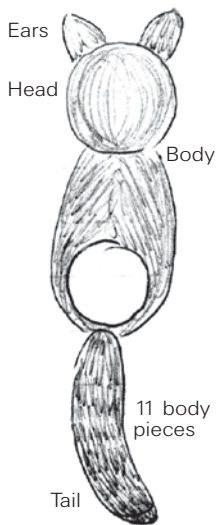
Cat Clock

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For many years, kitty clocks with googly eyes and swinging tails have brought a spot of fun to kitchen or playroom walls. Make this one for your dollhouse using air-dry clay. Use the pattern to gauge sizes of all body pieces.

What You'll Need:

- Air-dry modeling clay
- Acrylic paint: Red, Black
- Tacky Glue
- Scissors
- Clear nail polish
- Round toothpick
- Paper clock face (find in a magazine)
- Paintbrush



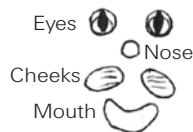
1. Using modeling clay, start forming cat's body. Flatten body clay to about $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick. Slightly round the sides. Use your finger to press down and flatten top of body a bit.

2. Shape tail from clay.

3. Roll a ball of clay for head. Under chin area, press slightly with finger so head fits well on body.

4. Shape small bits of clay to make ears, making tips pointed.

5. Roll and shape tiny balls of clay to make eyes, nose, cheeks and mouth. Allow all pieces to dry.



6. Glue ears to top of head. Glue head to body. Glue tail under body piece, just a bit under center. Let dry.

7. Paint red. Let dry. Apply second coat of paint. Let dry.

8. Glue paper clock face to body.
9. Paint eyes, nose, cheeks and mouth white. Tip: Put double-sided tape on a paper plate. Press tiny items to tape, then paint. When dry, glue features to face.

10. Paint black slits on eyes.

11. Dip tip of round toothpick into black paint. Make a dot and press outward to make whiskers.



12. Paint black between cheek pieces and mouth.

13. On bottom of body, paint four claws on each side beneath clock. Use toothpick, as when you painted whiskers.



14. Apply nail polish over red. Let dry.

15. Apply nail polish over entire piece. (Sometimes nail polish bleeds the red into painted areas of different colors. Clear-coating the red first helps seal it. If you use glossy paint, you don't need the nail polish, but I think the polish strengthens delicate items.)

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