## Activity 2 – Make Your Own Kraken

Use polymer clay, air dry clay, or playdough (if you don’t want a permanent creation) to create your own terrifyingly monstrous kraken.

### Materials

Polymer or air-dry clay or playdough\*

Fondant icing tools, sculpting tools, or kitchen utensils

Paint (for air-dry clay)

\*Note: If you don’t want to buy clay, you can make your own air dry clay using one of the three recipes from [WikiHow.com](https://www.wikihow.com/Make-Air-Dry-Clay).

### Instructions

For inspiration on how to make a pretty wicked kraken, check out this [Man About Cake video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gqCttZotp). While he doesn’t use clay, molding chocolate can act the same in many ways. Find other inspiration at [The Awesomer](https://theawesomer.com/sculpting-an-octopus/372510/).

1. To make an arm, take a large ball of clay, roll back and forth on a flat surface to make a log, then move your hand toward one end adding pressure to make a long, rounded carrot shape.
2. Shape and manipulate arm until you have the position you want it. Repeat first two steps until you have eight arms.
3. Make the head by forming a ball and molding it and top of arms together.
4. Make suckers by rolling various sizes of small balls and sticking them from biggest to smallest down the arms of your kraken.
5. Using your fondant bone tool or sculpting tools (or a melon baller, bottom of teaspoons, or a round toothpick, depending on the size of your krakens’ suckers), indent the middle of each to create the look of the sucker.
6. When you have your kraken made, bake or let air dry. If using air-dry clay, paint and varnish to make waterproof.

You have finished your kraken. Now show it off to friends and family, or share it with us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kansas.talking.books.service) and Twitter @KSTalkingBooks.