



MASTER

Kaye's Garden Art Flowers, or bowls

1. Roll out clay to $\frac{1}{4}$ "
2. Smooth clay on both sides
3. Make your pattern, or use one of mine. Find a bowl for your petals. I like a plaster mold or bisque, we have in back. I work on the bottom of the bowl first, when leather hard turn over and finish inside.
4. Cut out petals with needle tool 13 or so, depending on how big your bowl.
5. Go over each petal with a sponge on both sides, clean up is very important, so you don't have to sand later, they are fragile.
7. While putting on petals, first petal, no slip, the rest have slip on one side. Hold petals as you put each one until $\frac{3}{4}$ done
6. Form all your petals by forming in your palm, let them sort of firm up and then press onto mold one petal at a time.
8. Take next petal and do same, but add some slip to one side and attach To petal on mold, overlapping about $\frac{1}{3}$.
9. Continue all around till last petal, Add slip to both sides of last petal attach as before and lift first petal and slide under.
10. Clean up all the petals with sponge and small brush, add more slip if needed.
11. Fill in center with clay, smooth out and level, blend with petals. Reshape flower petals. Mark your piece. Set in front of fan or use blow dryer, till leather hard or sit outside while making another one.
12. Turn over and work on inside, using wooden stick, sponge and paint Brush for clean-up.
13. Cover and open 2nd day in middle, uncovers on 3rd day.

14. I buy Americana Floss Enamels at Michaels, for painting the bottom of the flowers. You can even bake them in the oven to set the color. I haven't. Just sitting in the hot Arizona sun cures them. I also have other colors to fill in where the glaze missed.

15. Stroke and Coat has good bright colors. You can use S & C for low fire, but then it is not vitrified for food, if you want to make dishes.

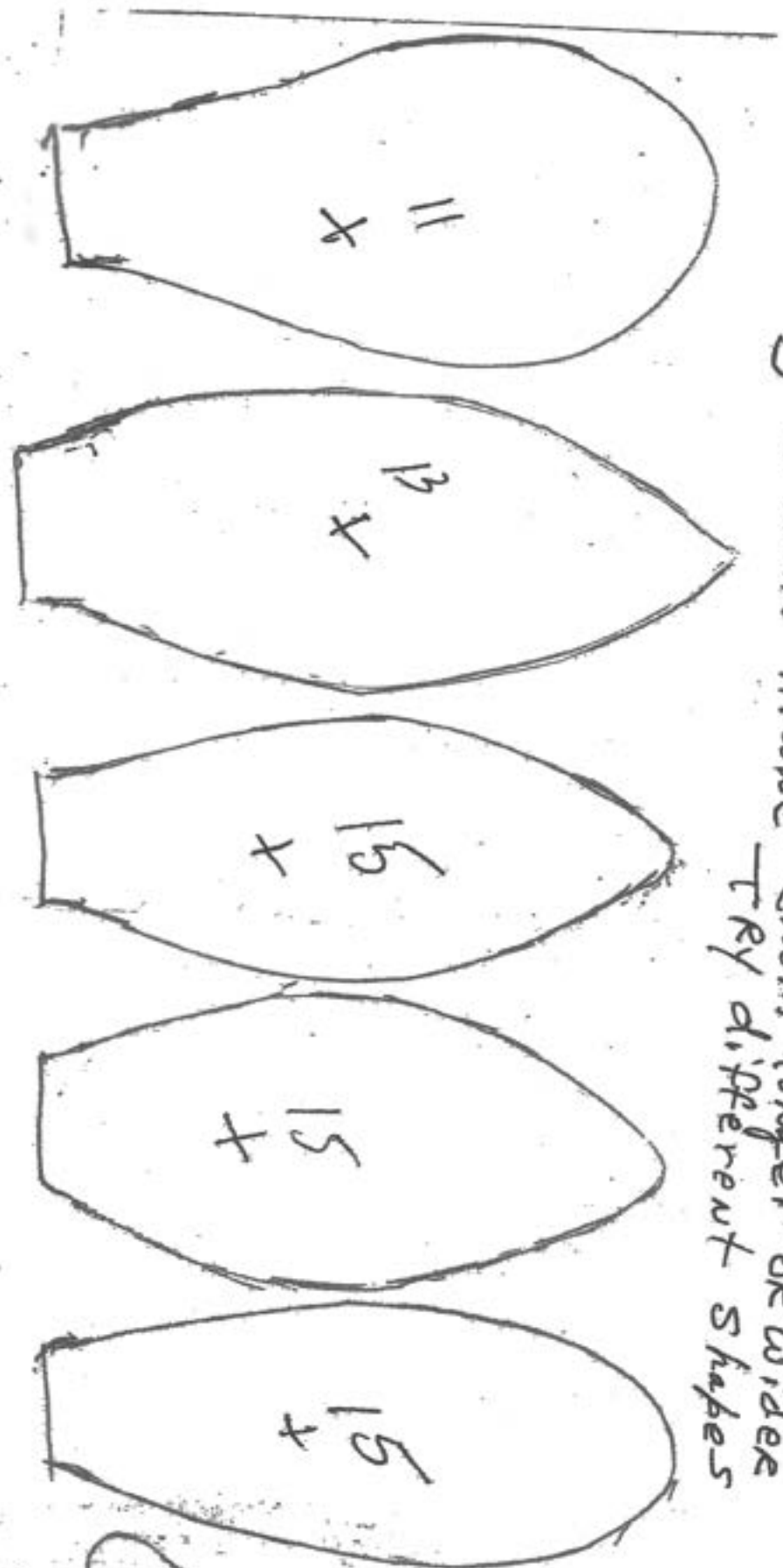
16. I only low fire, with stroke and coat, for my garden art flowers, to be food safe you have to also high fire. I have had flowers break in high fire, that's why I don't do it.

17. To make the stems, I use a rolled out piece of clay and take the rebar stick and roll clay around it. Cut off excess and press the ends together, smooth out and roll making the hole larger, so the stick moves up and down easily. I then take a biscuit cutter size of bottom of flower and cut. I then use a doughnut cutter and cut out the hole, in center. I insert the stem part through the hole and split the bottom of stem and attach to underside of circle. I put a straw in center to keep the stem straight. I then take a roll of clay and wrap around stem on bottom and press around to keep it firm. I think I will have to add more clay on the bottom, as it seems to break easily.

Be creative, make different types of flowers and colors, take pictures and let me see them. You might find a different way of doing them.

Have Fun, Kaye Werbeckes

Some of my patterns of petals
you can make them longer or wider
try different shapes



Cut out & trace around - transfer to cardboard
if you like



