

# UNWRAPPING BEESWAX

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*Imagine being Earth-friendly as you create your art your way!*

### WHY CLAY IN BEESWAX?

The brand colors at Art Adventure Box® may be red, yellow, and blue — but we're also super-proud to be green! Our packaging is Earth-friendly and that's why we only use natural beeswax to wrap our air-dry clay. Beeswax seals the clay from air — keeping it fresh and pliable without the need for plastic bags. And, it has micro-bacterial qualities — keeping the clay fresher and safer for extended periods of time.



### How Do I Remove the Beeswax?

#### STEPS



- 1 •  
Clip the paper-rafia ribbon from both ends of the beeswax-encased clay brick. Remove each ribbon to reveal the ends of the butcher's twine — which has been embedded into the beeswax.



- 2 •  
Firmly grasp one end of one piece of the butcher's twine between your thumb and forefinger. With the other hand, secure the brick of beeswax-encased clay on your work surface. Now, gently pull the twine towards you and the beeswax covering — in other words, away from the clay. Once you have



pulled the butcher's twine to the bottom of the brick — to the point at which the brick meets the work surface — pull the other end of the twine in the same manner while still securing the brick of clay with your free hand. Roll the clay to accommodate pulling the twine until the twine is completely released from the beeswax. The twine will have entirely sliced through the beeswax, so that the piece of the wax can be easily separated from the rest of the wax and can now be pulled cleanly away from the clay.

**Wax sticking to the clay?** \*Additional tips can be found at the end of this document.



• 3 •  
Repeat STEP • 2 • for the second piece of butcher's twine embedded in the wax.



• 4 •  
Finally you'll be able to pull the center



piece of beeswax from the brick and then be ready to create your art your way with air-dry clay.

• 5 •  
And P.S. — Don't forget to reserve the pieces of beeswax and butcher's twine to later ReUse • ReInvent • ReCycle while creating upcycled candles with the one ounce glass pots too. See *Free Resources | ReCreativity* on our website for *Upcycled Beeswax Candle*.

**\*Additional Tips**

When the clay contains a good deal of moisture, you will find that the beeswax may stick a bit. Should this be the case, gently squeeze on the long sides of the beeswax-wrapped clay rolling it back and forth between your fingers. This will help to loosen the top and bottom of the wax from the brick of clay. You may also find it helpful to use a clay tool to peel back the wax.

