

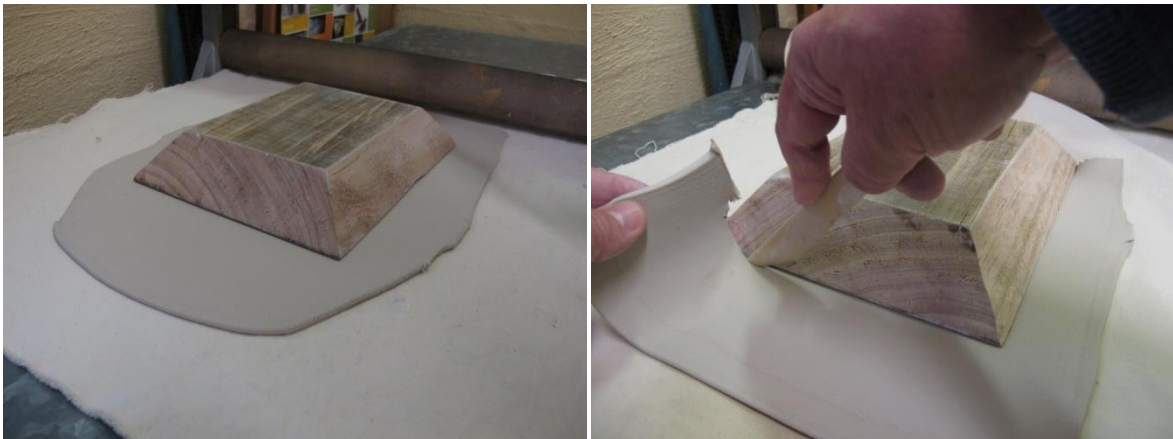
Japanese Plate Makers



Instructions to use your Plate Makers :-



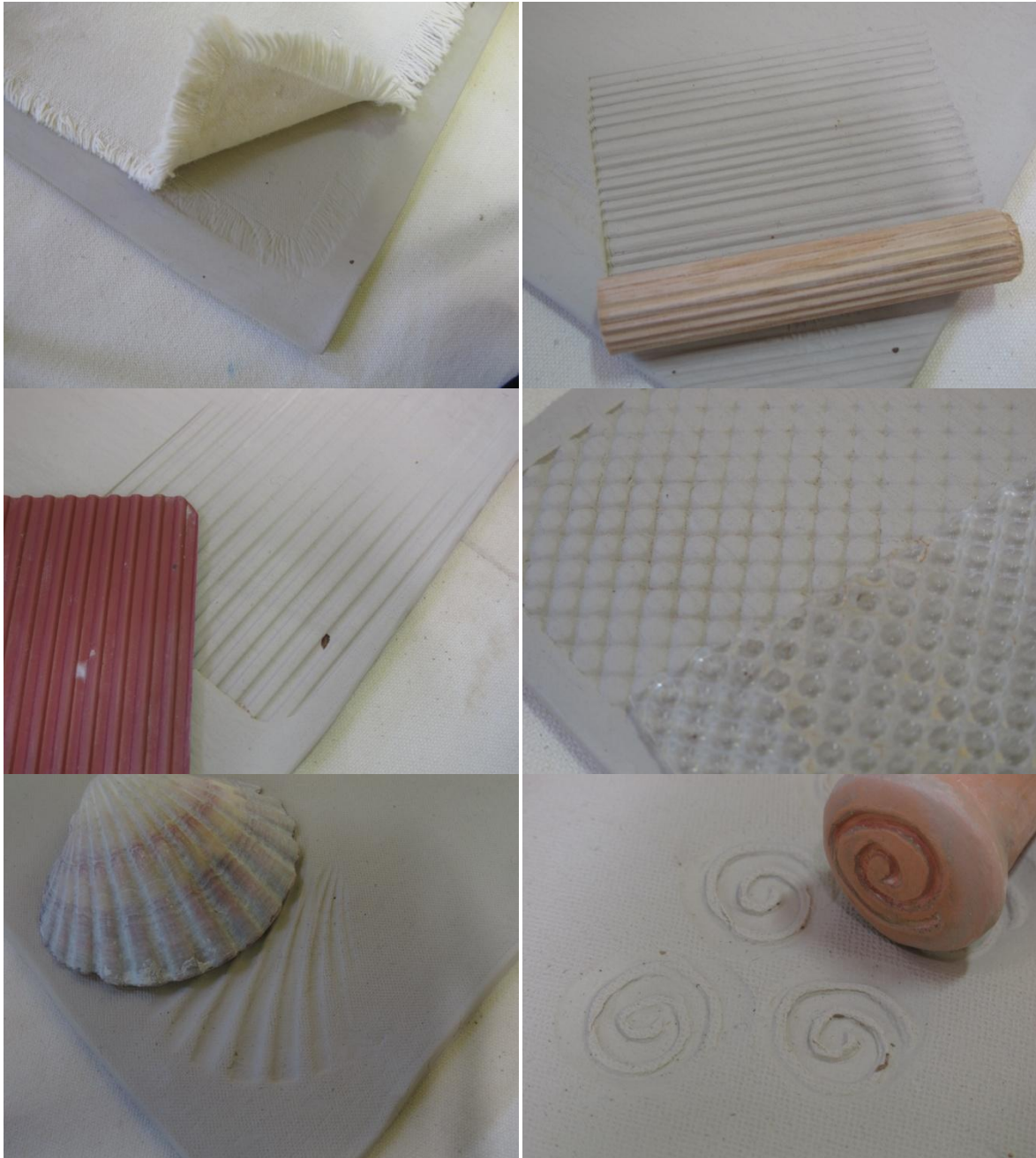
- 1) Prepare a slab of clay – usually between 3mm and 6mm thick using a slab roller or a rolling pin.



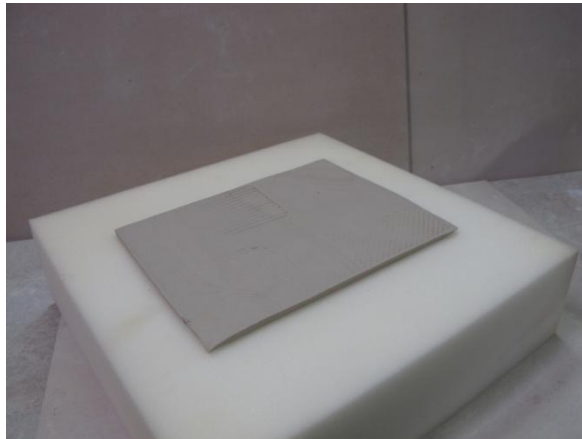
- 2) Place one of the Plate Maker blocks onto the clay with the big side downwards and cut around it.



- 3) You can smooth the edges now by placing a sheet of plastic over the clay and rubbing with your fingers or with a tool.



4) If you want to texture the clay you can do it now.



- 5) Pick up the slab of clay and put it in the middle of the block of sponge.



- 6) Attach the handle to the Plate Maker block – a gentle push fit is enough and place the Plate Maker block onto the centre of the clay.



- 7) Push it firmly downwards forcing the clay into the sponge.



- 8) Pick up the sponge – then holding the sponge with one hand and the Plate Maker handle with the other – turn it over – and remove the sponge.
Holding the Plate Maker handle in one hand – use the other hand to smooth the clay onto the Plate Maker.
A small rolling pin is a good tool for this – or a flat piece of wood.
- 9) At this point you can smooth the edges of your dish with a sponge – or trim them with a knife – depending on the exact shape you would like for your dish.



- 10) When you made the dish into the desired shape – Remove the handle from the Plate Maker block with a twisting motion – and put the block down with the clay to rest for a while so it becomes a little more firm.



- 11) Remove the plate from the block – and check again that the edges are good.