

MONSTER MOUTH

The mouth has two functions, to give emotion and a point of where the lid may come off.

There are 3 ways to design your mouth:

- **Closed mouth**— Mouths that do not have openings. Think of a closed smile. These you must build up with clay like a coil or flat piece clay.
- **Mouth with teeth** - These mouth are “open” wide and you carve/draw teeth in.
- **Gapped Mouth**—These mouths have empty spaces in the mouth. A good example is a Jack O’ Lantern’s mouth to let light through.
 - This type of mouth is great for inserting teeth in.



How To Make a:

Closed Mouth— You will score and slip clay onto the body. If you would like to have girly lips or a thin smile, this is the method that you will use. To make girly lips you will flatten clay in your hand, cut the shape out and score and slip it on.

Mouth with Teeth—This is a more “drawn” mouth. With the needle tool draw the shape of the mouth and draw the lines for the teeth. To make the teeth separate from the mouth, take a thin coil , score and slip it around the outline of the mouth to get more depth.

OR

Taking a carving tool (Ask Ms. G) you will carve the clay teeth away. Instead of building clay up, you are taking clay away. Smooth the carving and draw the teeth in.

Gapped Mouth— This mouth is where you **CUT OUT** a gap. First you will draw the mouth, the top teeth and bottom teeth should not be touching when the gap is to be (some teeth may touch).

The Gapped mouth is a combination of mouth with teeth, you may build up or take away. You can also cut out the entire mouth and place teeth in.