

cjwalas says **HahA!**

Rick Raively says **HA**

cjwalas says **Anyone else???????**

cjwalas says **Oh, there you are!** 😊

BnEgscle says i'm last again.

cjwalas says **Bob, I love the Halloween figures you're doing!**

cjwalas says **They really have a nice feel to them.**

Rick Raively says **yup, I agree the figures are great Bob**

BnEgscle says Thanks, Chris. I have a scarecrow about finished also. This is a blast.

cjwalas says **Yeah, it gets addictive when you reach the point where you can actually make the figures you want!**

Rick Raively says **careful with blasting Bob**

cjwalas says **I hope everyone's been thinking about the homework assignment?!?!**

Rick Raively says **homework???????**

Rick Raively says **you mean the CPH?**

Rick Raively says **hehehehe**

cjwalas says **Very funny, Log Boy.**

Ms. pcentral says **What Homework?**

jlcop says *thinking but not really getting any great ideas* 😬

Rick Raively says **well after tonight.. I can see a Chris figure beating up Logboy..**

cjwalas says **The three interacting characters. Quite honestly, I haven't had much time to thinking about them, either.**

Rick Raively says **I could tell you about the homework but then I would have to kill everyone** 😬

cjwalas says **That's only two figures, Rick.** 😊

cjwalas says **Absolutely right, Rick. No discussion of concepts on this one.**

Rick Raively says **have you seen the size of Logboy lately** 😬

Ms. pcentral says **Well, then I wouldn't have to do my homework..... So TELL ME TELL ME** 😬😬😬😬

cjwalas says **The concept for the homework is to plan out a three figure scenario, each figure somehow interacting with the others. The first figure is due next Monday.**

Rick Raively says **is there a class next Monday?**

cjwalas says **We each have to do the first figure and post a photo or two, but no additional information.**

cjwalas says **It really is Halloween then, isn't it?**

cjwalas says **Well, I doubt there will be class then.** 😬

cjwalas says **So I guess we have another week to do the figure!** 😬😬

Rick Raively says **cool**

Rick Raively says **another week to mess up.. oops make a figure** 😬

Rick Raively says **Hope it is alright, My wife knows the idea**

cjwalas says **Does anyone have any questions on the homework?**

cjwalas says **We may have to take her down, Rick. Sorry.**

Ms. pcentral says **yes, we post one figure with no explanations?**

Ms. pcentral says **then the 2nd one with no explanation?**

cjwalas says **There**

hobby_nut says yeah, sorry

hobby_nut says Hi all

Ms. pcentral says **Speaking of the Devil.....**

Ms. pcentral says **Hey Steve!!!!!!** 😊😊😊

Torby says **Evenin', HN. Pleased to have you join us.**

Rick Raively says **cowboy hat, bowler, etc**

jlcop says *glad you could make it Steve* 😊

hobby_nut says thank you

BnEgscle says Hi Steve, You were in and out of chat so fast earlier I didn't get a chance to say Hi!!!

cjwalas says **There's a number of ways. If you've sculpted the head already, roll some clay flat; cut out a circle for the brim; cut out the center and place it on the head; then just add a blob of clay on top and shape it to the form you want.**

Torby says **Well, it is a little hard to make a hat brim.**

cjwalas says **Steve, thanks for coming and welcome! Congratulations on joining the club!**

Torby says **It's pretty floppy and hard to get shaped.**

cjwalas says **I usually just form the brim with my fingers, but it's not the most even way to do it.**

Rick Raively says **does he get the secret clay figure hand shake?**

hobby_nut says thanks. boy do I have a lot to learn!!

cjwalas says **True, Tom, and I often cheap and make the brim two or three times thicker than it should be just to give it strength.**

cjwalas says **We were all there once, Steve!**

BnEgscle says Torby, I found out that the beige Premo is rather stiff and is great for making hat brims because it holds the shape.

Rick Raively says **slightly off topic.. I have been looking at making a light tent so I can get better pictures indoors - has anyone tried one?**

Torby says **I wanted Reginald's brim more turned up on the sides, but settled for it as it was** 😊

Torby says **Relax, Steve. Rick's teasing about the handshake** 😊

cjwalas says **Don't be too sure about the beige Premo, Bob. It may have just been older stock that had stiffened some.**

Rick Raively says **me tease?????**

cjwalas says **I always squeeze the Premo before I buy it to see how fresh it is.**

hobby_nut says I worked on my second face for about 2 hrs last night and still hate. the clay was too soft. what do you do about that

Rick Raively says **ice box Steve**

jlcop says *I agree, for me beige was actually a bit soft*

Rick Raively says **cool it down some**

cjwalas says **It's a consistent problem, Steve. The more you handle the clay, the more the warmth of your hands softens it.**

BnEgscle says Well that makes sense. I had previously observed that the darker colors seemed to have more body until I got this beige pack.

hobby_nut says oh, ok

cjwalas says **I stick it in the fridge or freezer to cool it.**

Torby says **I started out in front of an air conditioner. When it got too sticky, I'd just leave it set for a couple minutes.**

Torby says **Fimo and Premo are harder than Sculpey. I like those better.**

hobby_nut says **Should you pre-form the head and then cool it?**

cjwalas says **I've been trying to work with Fimo for twenty years or more and it just isn't for me. Premo is.**

cjwalas says **Steve, make sure you read the build-up head section in Chp. 2. It may be worth try for you.**

Rick Raively says **if the clay gets too soft, then cool if off**

hobby_nut says **I'll do that. Haven't move ahead that far yet**

Rick Raively says **Steve, while doing a figure I reference all 3 chapters**

Rick Raively says **I put markers on each page that helps me**

cjwalas says **And take your time on the head and face. Try not to use your hands as much as your tools.**

hobby_nut says **Fine, I'll do just that.**

Rick Raively says **sorry Chris calls them chapters; I think they are more like books**
😬

Rick Raively says **yeah toothpick for the face**

hobby_nut says **Geez, two hours wasn't enough?!?! 😬**

cjwalas says **They feel like books when I'm writing them!**

pimanjc says **Can I ask a dumb beginner question?**

cjwalas says **As you get more practiced, Steve, the process goes more quickly.**

Ms. pcentral says **what? IS that my problem? I use my hands too much 😬😬😬😬**

cjwalas says **Please do, JC?**

hobby_nut says **we don't have time for beginners. I already did two sorry figures!
LOL**

Rick Raively says **sometimes I use my fist.. helps 😬**

cjwalas says **The surface of our fingers is too large in comparison to the figure's face and we move more clay than we want to.**

pimanjc says **What kind of clay do you use? What temperature does it have to be heated to after forming?**

Rick Raively says **gosh Steve, I only have done two more then you. Guess by thanksgiving I will be asking for your help**

cjwalas says **We use any of a number of what are called polymer clays, or polyclays for short. They are PVC formulated to cure in an oven at 275 degrees.**

hobby_nut says **Your in trouble if you come looking to me for help.**

Rick Raively says **Steve, I have learn that I can learn something from anyone**

BnEgscake says **And the cavort is not to get them over 300 or thy may burn.**

cjwalas says **I prefer to use Premo, but everyone is different.**

cjwalas says **No, not may burn, WILL burn!** 😬

pimanjc says **Where do you get these clays?**

Torby says **If you don't get it hot enough, your figure will crumble as you handle it.**

cjwalas says **Some hobby shops, but mostly craft stores, which will have a full display of all kinds!**

Ms. pcentral says 😬

hobby_nut says **I've learned that well Rick since I found MLS. I still consider myself a newbie and now I have people emailing me with questions.**

Rick Raively says **Michaels craft store in my area**

cjwalas says **Sometimes you don't even need a figure to start a fire, eh, Y?** 😊

Torby says **I've seen them at Michaels and Hobby Lobby.**

pimanjc says **What about resin cast?**

BnEgscle says You just missed a sale at Hobby Lobby and JoAnn's Fabric.

Ms. pcentral says **yep** 😊😊😊😊 **Just the toaster oven.....**

pimanjc says **We have both Michaels and Hobby Lobby.**

cjwalas says **I'm not a big fan of resin cast figures, simply because it's impossible to keep paint on them outdoors for any length of time.**

Rick Raively says **and stay away from the tools that they sell, I normally just use my fingers and round toothpicks**

cjwalas says **Michael's has 99 cent sales occasionally. Great opportunity to stock up.**

cjwalas says **Rick's absolutely right. There's no need to buy sculpting tools. Most are too large anyway.**

Torby says **My toaster oven wouldn't stay between 275 and 300 degrees, so I built a temperature controller. It stays between 282 and 285 now.**

Torby says **I have a metal scribe I use, and my favorite tool is a darning needle.**

cjwalas says **Are you planning on jumping into the figure making madness, JC??**

cjwalas says **Dana the great says hi**

pimanjc says **If I "cooked" Susie's toaster oven, she would toast me.** 😊

Rick Raively says **exacto knife also helps**

Rick Raively says **Hi Greatness**

rebuild projects done.

Ms. pcentral says **HEY Dana!!!!!!** 😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊

Torby says **I picked this one up at a yard sale for \$5.**

Torby says **Hi, Dana!**

jlcop says *Good Evening oh magnificent one*

pimanjc says **Worst thing for me is all my trains are 1/29th instead of 1/20th.**

cjwalas says **Dana is back to homework.** 😊

cjwalas says **She appreciates your responses!** 😊

pimanjc says **That's awfully small for a lot of detail.**

Rick Raively says **we appreciate her time and help** 😊

BnEgscle says I had a problem with the round toothpicks not being really round. When I tried to roll them they wobble. Like Torby I have gone to the knitting or darning needle but keep the toothpicks handy.

cjwalas says **That is more challenging as far as working smaller, but at the same time, you won't need to add as much detail.**

pimanjc says **Especially the more arthritis I get in my hand.**

Torby says **Mine too, PJ.**

Rick Raively says **not a problem Jim, some one here did a figure in Z scale** 😊😊😊😊



Torby says **I've been the oddball here making tiny little figures.**

jlcop says *you may make tiny figures but I think someone else is the oddball* 😊

Torby says **When I made a 1/20 figure for somebody, I was amazed how much more clay it took. A quick figure, 9 times as much clay as a 1/29th figure.**

cjwalas says **Some FOOL made a Z scale figure, egged into it by some troublemakers.**

Rick Raively says **hahahahaha**

Ms. pcentral says **HEY**

cjwalas says **If you're doing 1/29 figures, don't bother with foil armatures, use wire armatures.**

Rick Raively says **just glad I didn't get a eye doctors bill**

Torby says **I use foil. I had a hunk of that phone wire around here somewhere, but can't find it 😞**

cjwalas says **It takes a little getting used to working this small, JC. My first 1/20 figures were horrible.**

BnEgyscale says **Oops. No one told hobby nut about being put to sleep if he doesn't speak occasionally.**

cjwalas says **Ooops.**

Torby says **It was always snagging the strings hanging from my pants legs, so I put it away somewhere... somewhere... somewhere...**

Greg Elmassian says **Thanks! first time in chat, model G and Z, in San Diego**

Torby says **G and Z... An accident would produce dust 😞**

Rick Raively says **Thanks for another great Class Chris**

cjwalas says **Time for me to help Dana the great with Justinian treatment of Christians in ancient Rome....?!?!?!?! 😞**

Torby says **Ow!**

Torby says **Perhaps you'd best make some figures to demonstrate that 😞**

jlcop says **darn I was going to ask you about my Hobo #2**

Rick Raively says **sounds like fun**

cjwalas says **So, no class next week, but photos of figure 1 due next Monday!**

pimanjc says **Maybe someday I will surprise you with a figure as long as you don't laugh tooooooo loud.**

cjwalas says **Nite all!**

Torby says **Laugh? You haven't seen "Gomer" 😞**

BnEgyscale says **Sounds like a source for 3 figures interacting.**

Torby says **Welcome back, HN.**

BnEgyscale says **Have a spooky one next week.**

hobby_nut says **JC it can't be worse than mine**

Torby says **JC, here's my first try:**

<http://gold.mylargescale.com/torby/people/Dcp06633.jpg>

BnEgyscale says **HN, Log Boy Rick always posts the minutes of these sessions so you can pick up what you missed.**

pimanjc says **Steve, You need to check out the Halloween and Christmas collections by Lemax at Michaels and Sears. They have some great horse and wagon stuff.**

BnEgyscale says **Yeah. And they have them at Lowes also.**

hobby_nut says **Really?? I'll do that. Thanks for the tip!**