

cjwalas says **Welcome Jash!**

jasher817 says howdy

Torby says **I haven't made my 5 minute man, but I did read the thread and look at the pictures** 😊

cjwalas says **Have you tried any figure making yet, Jash?**

jasher817 says just got to say your temple is temptation for my imagination

Rick Raively says **I NEVER saw 5 mins move so FAST in my life** 😊

cjwalas says **Extra-non-credit for that, Tom!** 😊

cjwalas says **Thanks, Jash. I think that was one of the few inspired obsessions of mine!** 😊

jasher817 says not yet, I ordered the starter pack today, and have read all of your primer on your web page

cjwalas says **I agree, Rick. I spent more time watching the sweep second hand than sculpting!**

Torby says **I think the only place I can find for my oven is the bathroom.**

Rick Raively says **that just sounds like a bad combo Tom**

cjwalas says **Jash, feel free to email me anytime, or post any question or work in the Figure Forum. We're all in this mess together!** 😊

jasher817 says and looked at Wal-Mart(I work there) they have an electronic toaster oven for under 40 bucks

cjwalas says **So, SOME of you actually did the homework. EXTRA-DOUBLE-SUPER CREDIT for this one! (Sorry, Tom!)**

Torby says **Well, perhaps Jasher needs some pointers. I'd say, "Get a block of clay and jump in!"**

jasher817 says look like some thing I could work with

cjwalas says **Be careful, Jash. Toaster ovens are not the first (or second) choice for figure making.**

jlcop says *I just use the kitchen timer I use for figures, was shocked that I only had about a minute and a half left*

Ms pcentral says **I actually bought another toaster oven this weekend!!!!** 😊

jasher817 says no clay yet

cjwalas says **Most toaster ovens don't control the temperature closely enough.**

cjwalas says **Is that your third or fourth, Y?**

Rick Raively says **will a extra-double-super credit get me a cup of coffee or do I need John C for that?** 😊

cjwalas says **It's great to have a separate oven for figures, but you really have to watch toaster ovens very, very carefully. Doesn't he, Y?** 😊

cjwalas says **John C and a quarter, Rick.**

Torby says **That's why I made a temperature controller.**

Ms pcentral says **YEP, they go up in FLAMES REALLY easy** 😊

Ms pcentral says **Good thing we can keep a secret from Teach!** 😊

jasher817 says I is a bigger one by Black & Decker

cjwalas says **Buffering the heating element with a foil deflector helps; or you can make a foil tent around the figure. That helps as well.**

jlcop says *Jash, I use a toaster oven with a small aluminum foil pan as a tent and a separate oven thermometer, still messes up sometimes*

Rick Raively says **So what did Teach learn from our FMF?**

cjwalas says **I have a Black and Decker toaster oven and I have to say it's pretty darn good.**

jasher817 says I was thinking that I could put some of those ceramic bricks in it to regulate it

cjwalas says **Ah, yes. The homework assignment! I learned I'm not as quick as I used to be!** 😄😄😄😄

jlcop says *mine is a B&D too!* 😊

jasher817 says I like to tinker

Rick Raively says **I barely had time to get most of the clay on** 😊

cjwalas says **That might create as many problems as it resolves, Jash. The bricks hold a lot of heat.**

cjwalas says **Yes, I think five minutes was a bit tight.**

cjwalas says **Still, it's a great exercise to let you know where you stand in terms of simply handling the material.**

Torby says **You need to get the clay to at least 275, but it ignites at 300. I made a controller that holds 280 to 285.**

Rick Raively says **how about 5 mins after the clay is on the foil**

jasher817 says to much thinking in need to get some clay 😊

cjwalas says **I didn't think you'd even do it, Y. It really doesn't suit your approach at all. Extra points for you!**

Rick Raively says **plus I need new clay, what I used is old and stiff**

cjwalas says **Too Right, Jash! Get some clay! Have some fun!**

cjwalas says **Let's take a look at the efforts. Who's first?** 😊

Rick Raively says **just go in order of the pictures**

Torby says **There's a Michaels just over there!** 😊

cjwalas says **That's me first!**

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cjwalas says **I really have slowed down as a sculptor. Old age has me in its grips!**

Rick Raively says **sure Chris - I like the second guy**

Torby says **Was painting part of the 5 minutes?**

Rick Raively says **is the first one Elvis?**

cjwalas says **The first guy I did, I didn't worry that he was so thin or anything. The clay was stiff and I barely got it all on in time.**

cjwalas says **Painting was definitely NOT included in the five minutes!**

cjwalas says **The expression was actually taken from the King, Rick.**

Rick Raively says **so nice of him to stop by for your modeling** 😊

cjwalas says **I was really surprised at the difference in working with the two different polyclays. I thought the softer one would be easier to work with, but it created its own problems.**

Torby says **He has an Elvishish pose** 😊

Rick Raively says **to be honest, I got nervous and didn't want to start the timer.** 😊😊

Ms pcentral says 😊

cjwalas says **I also took slightly different approaches to applying the clay. On the first figure I added clay as close to what I wanted it to be and changed little afterward...**

jasher817 says CCCCoooooLLLLL

cjwalas says **On the second figure I just dumped a ton of clay on and pushed it around till I got it close.**

cjwalas says **I don't think either technique worked particularly well!** 😞😞

Rick Raively says **that was my goal, your second figure - dump and push..**

cjwalas says **What do you guys think of my figures...be honest.** 😊

Torby says **So when tasked with producing 12 figures in an hour, do something different** 😊

Torby says **I'm impressed! Just 5 minutes** 🤖 **You always amaze me.**

Rick Raively says **Jealous that you got so much done in 5 mins, I couldn't get everything covered**

cjwalas says **Well, I wasn't happy with the process on the first figure, so I tried something different. I think if I had been more awake and the morning had been a little warmer, the Super Sculpey would have been fine.**

jlcop says *I was impressed. I didn't even get mine covered before I was short of time* 😊

Ms pcentral says **Well, I was most surprised that your figures seem to stand on there own**

cjwalas says **Remember that I used to sculpt fast for a living. You guys are just learning the process now (and doing a great job!)**

Torby says **His always do! I put pegs in their feet or glue them to pennies.**

cjwalas says **Only the first guy stands on his own, Y. I had to prop the second guy up with more clay!**

cjwalas says **OK, next is JL!**

cjwalas says **JL, want to tell us about your experience?**

jlcop says *Well I should have used a color of clay I was more familiar with. I used Burnt Umber*

jlcop says *because I had some.*

jasher817 says is he lost to us?

cjwalas says **What problems did that cause?**

jasher817 says I think My link is slow

jlcop says *Too stiff, couldn't get it covered quickly even though I kneaded it really well.*

cjwalas says **I suspect this was a problem for all of us, JL. It took me longer than I expected as well.**

jlcop says *Then I didn't have time to smooth it out. So I just went ahead and tried to sculpt something for a face the last 90 sec. or so*

cjwalas says **I see you put some real effort into the face, though.**

cjwalas says **It always comes down to the face. You can ignore 90 per cent of the details if the face works.**

cjwalas says **Welcome RoY!**

cjwalas says **So you needed more time. Not a problem. That's what we're learning with this exercise.**

royh says 😊😊

Rick Raively says **I had the same problems, never used that clay before, stiff**

cjwalas says **Rick, you're NEXT!!!!** 😊😊😊😊

cjwalas says **IS that Super Sculpey?**

Rick Raively says **in fact that stuff might go in the trash**

Rick Raively says **nope old Premo Beige**

cjwalas says **NEVER throw polyclay away!! NEVER!!!**

jlcop says *naw, save it for accessories Rick*

Rick Raively says **just kidding, but I will be buying new stuff**

cjwalas says **Remember, you can soften it with mineral oil, you can mix it with other clays, you can use it for simpler sculptures...etc.**

Rick Raively says **don't remember oil trick**

cjwalas says **So, Rick was the difficulty in getting the clay on or with sculpting it as well?**

cjwalas says **Just mix a drop or two into old clay to soften it. It also makes the clay brush out better with alcohol.**

Rick Raively says **getting the clay on started the problem, in the time we had it was a quick down hill from there**

Rick Raively says **We should do a Tricks list on the webpage**

cjwalas says **Understood. Good effort, though. Not a bad shot at it. Did you bake this one out?**

Rick Raively says **once I got started I had fun racing (and losing to) the clock**

cjwalas says **Yeah, in all my spare time! I can't even get the next chapter finished!**

jasher817 says could that be a long list?

cjwalas says **It could be an endless list, Jash. One of the wonderful, but horribly frustrating things about polyclay is that it is a material sensitive to the artist. That is to say, it simply isn't the same for every person like working with styrene or wood.**

cjwalas says **So what works perfectly for one person is totally useless to another.**

cjwalas says **OK, let's move on to Y's homework...**

jasher817 says I Need Clay! to "play" with

Torby says **I love his outfit!**

jlcop says *maybe Michaels is open late Jash!* 😊

cjwalas says **Y, any statements you'd like to make?**

Ms pcentral says **I did 3 figures before I would EVEN show Steve**

Ms pcentral says **They were that bad**

cjwalas says **But I'll bet each one was a little better than the previous...** 😊

jasher817 says Is to far for me 😞😞😞xx

Ms pcentral says **I can see how this would really help me suggest details!** 🤔

Ms pcentral says **Yeah, After 20 maybe one would look like a person**

cjwalas says **It also looks like your armature is a little loose, Y.**

Ms pcentral says **Steve said this one had the same expression I did while I was making it**

Rick Raively says **it was tight Chris, until that rain came**

cjwalas says **He came out very well and the painting really helps.**

Ms pcentral says **Yes, because I didn't actually think this one would be a "Keeper" so I just used a scrape of foil to practice on**

cjwalas says **He has an identity and character. Pretty darn good in five minutes.**

Torby says **I thought he looked like "Midlife Crisis" in full bloom.**

jasher817 says Mesa AZ is a little short of art stores even less by me near Liegh

cjwalas says **I'm impressed class. A big part of getting better at this stuff is being able to push yourself and you certainly have done that!!**

Rick Raively says **Squigmon from Lavern and Shirley**

jlcop says *oh*

Ms pcentral says **the first couple I started covering the armature, and they were awful**

cjwalas says Now, who's up for the REAL assignment?!?!? 😬😬😬😬😬

Torby says **Oh! I didn't think of him!**

jasher817 says Yesterday

Ms pcentral says **I finally had to do the face first to get it to look like a person** 😬

Rick Raively says **what is it?**

cjwalas says I had problems covering my first one in a hurry as well.

jlcop says *Rick is* 😬

Rick Raively says **Rick is**

cjwalas says All Right! Due Next MONDAY: one (1) figure.

Rick Raively says **wait, that is me?** 😬

Rick Raively says **and we wait....**

jlcop says *he he he*

Torby says 😬

Rick Raively says **..... wait....**

cjwalas says Take as much time as you want....

Rick Raively says **Chris, is having another glass of wine**

Torby says **One long time figure...**

cjwalas says You must add as much detail as you possibly can....

Rick Raively says **then a week is too short**

cjwalas says And do it all in one pass.

royh says 😬

jasher817 says not mine

cjwalas says Any questions?

Ms pcentral says **AS MUCH AS I CAN?**

Ms pcentral says **REALLY?**

Ms pcentral says **MUCH?**

Torby says **In one baking.**

Rick Raively says **a figure, all the detail, one bake, one week?**

Torby says **Watch for thumbprints.**

cjwalas says That's the challenge!

Ms pcentral says **COOL!**

cjwalas says Proportion is critical! Expression and character in face and pose.

Rick Raively says **I have a Q: A while back you mention when buying clay you test it.**

Are you looking for softness?

Torby says **Hmmmm. I have an idea** 😬

cjwalas says That's it, Rick. Polyclay stiffens with age. A good squeeze let's you know how old the clay is.

Rick Raively says **ok thanks**

Rick Raively says **btw: Hi to the great one**

cjwalas says She just walked in, Rick. Says Hi to you (she's busy reading!)

Rick Raively says **so if I squeeze the clay and my finger breaks, don't buy it**

cjwalas says OK, any questions on the assignment?

Ms pcentral says **YES, Hi to Dana!**

Rick Raively says **its due next Monday?**

cjwalas says **Pretty much it, Rick. The clay should give way slightly if it's fresh.**

royh says 😊

jlcop says *by one pass do you mean start to finish one session, or only one bake for whole figure?*

cjwalas says **Yes, Next Monday. I strongly suggest a wire or post out of one or both legs to handle it with while sculpting.**

cjwalas says **One bake, JL. Take the whole week to sculpt if you want. I would also suggest getting an early start on this one and really try to find all the detail you can to squeeze onto this one!**

Ms pcentral says **good Idea! thanks Chris!**

jlcop says *whew!* 🤦

Torby says **A STIFF armature sounds like a good idea.**

Rick Raively says **have to figure out what the figure is going to be first**

cjwalas says **Absolutely, Tom. Tightly wound. Try and make this your best figure yet!**

Torby says **I know what mine is! hehe** 😊

cjwalas says **Let it be something for your RR. Something special if you can!**

Ms pcentral says **hmmm, like a Girl engineer?**

Rick Raively says **I have an idea.. Maybe**

cjwalas says **Jash, good luck with this stuff! We're here to help any and every step of the way. DON'T get frustrated. There's a learning curve, but it's a relatively quick one!**

Ms pcentral says **oh I could make a passenger for my pink train**

cjwalas says **Oh, did I mention Pink is disqualified?** 😊 😊

cjwalas says **JUST KIDDING!!!!**

Rick Raively says **I could ask Dwight for that picture of planet Chris**

jasher817 says Thanks you all, I hope to have lots of fun with this figure thing

cjwalas says **Just remember the photos of Rick floating around.....** 😊 😊 😊

cjwalas says **See you all here next week with much to discuss!!!**

Ms pcentral says **hmmm, I found Rick on a stick!** 😊

Ms pcentral says **night Chris!**

cjwalas says **Nite guys!**

Rick Raively says **Night Chris, thanks again**

♦ cjwalas decided to leave us at Mon Mar 6 21:01:00 MST 2006

jasher817 says as soon as my starter pack comes 😊

jlcop says *Good Night all* 😊