Claymates

Starting out as two balls of clay, newfound friends are molded into a brown owl and a gray wolf by an artist. Left alone on the worktable, the clay creations come to life. With endless possibilities, they begin changing shape and playing with the art supplies left on the table. When they hear the artist return, they must hurry to get back to their original design.

The illustrations in Claymates are photographs of an actual art studio. This medium allows the reader to see clay molding as a new world of excitement and creativity. Creatively adding black swirls when the balls of clay are changing shape, the illustrator is able to add an element of magic to the story. This book is appropriate for young children and introduces the tools and methods used to form clay creations. It would be very useful as an introductory tool when working with this art medium.