



Two views of the sculpture, *Untitled*, 2021, unglazed fired clay, photo by Slikati Photo + Video, copyright the artist.

**Artist:** Anne Appleby from her exhibition, [A Hymn for the Mother](#) on view at MAM through December 31, 2021.

**Age range:** The whole family!

**Create a sculpture** inspired by Anne Appleby's work and process using simple materials found in the home.

**Materials:** Any kind of sculptural material: Play-Doh, modeling clay.

**Here is a simple recipe for making no-cook Play-Doh at home:** 1 cup salt, 2 cups plain flour, 1 cup cold water 1 Tbs oil. Mix flour and salt. Add water and oil slowly to the dry ingredients, stirring with a spoon until well blended. Knead dough until soft and pliable. Add a drop or two of food coloring, or leave it natural.

**Prompt:** Appleby cares deeply about the state of our planet, and the changes that our climate is undergoing. She titles her exhibition, *A Hymn to the Mother*, in reference to mother Earth. A hymn is a song of reverence or praise.

#### **Instructions:**

1. **First, find some clay or other sculptural material.** If you wish, you can make some homemade play doh following the recipe above.
2. Although this sculpture is untitled, we can see from the person's body language that they are kneeling and leaning forward, head slightly bowed. **Take this pose and see how it feels in your body.**
3. As you sit in this pose, **imagine feeling reverence for something or someone you care about.** It might be the Earth, a particular special place you like to spend time, or a family member, friend, or pet.

4. As you consider how you're feeling, **you might say a few words** to the person, sing a song, or recite a poem, silently or out loud.
5. Now come out of the pose and take up your material. Move it in your hands and **experiment with what it can do** if you twist, bend, shape, or mold it.
6. As you mold the material, begin to shape a person. What pose might your person want to take? How might you express reverence through this sculpture?
7. **Share your art** using the hashtag #saturdayswithMAM and tag us @missoulaartmuseum.