Title: Magic Model with Modeling Clay
Recommended for: 2-5 Year Olds

Objectives:

**Children**
- Fine motor
- Follows direction
- Cooperation
- Attention to detail

**Adults**
- Fine motor
- Teamwork
- Positive mood
- Recognition

Materials Needed:
- Modeling clay
- Plastic knives

Methods:
**Facilitator Preparation**
1. Purchase or collect all supplies.
2. Cover your workstation.
3. Portion out a piece of clay for each IG pair. Place one plastic knife next to the clay. Reserve other tools in a container nearby.

**Intergenerational Participants**
1. Introduction -- pair each older adult with a child and sing the hello song.
2. Have the participants discuss what modeling clay is used for.
3. Have the IG pairs collaborate on a design for their clay (e.g. animals, jewelry, pots).
4. Have the IG pairs create their clay piece together using their hands and the crafting tool (knife).
5. After their clay piece has been made, have the IG pair tell the group what they made and why.
6. Place the clay pieces in a safe spot to dry.
7. Clean up and sing the goodbye song.

Helpful Websites
- [http://www.clay-it-now.com](http://www.clay-it-now.com)
**Special Considerations**
- Provide safe cutting materials.
- Watch to make sure participants are not ingesting the clay.
- Participants can wear gloves if they choose.
- Have the participants wear protective smocks or clothes that are able to get dirty.

**Getting To Know You**
- Have IG pairs discuss other things they have made out of clay or play-doh.
- Discuss what else people make with their hands.
- Ask IG pairs to take turns guessing what other groups might be making.

**Encouraging Interaction**
- Have the IG pairs ask other groups about their design (e.g. What are you making? Why did you decide to make it? What will it be used for?).
- “Ask ______ to help you trim the sides of the _______?”
- “Ask ______ to help you smooth the edges of your clay _______?”
- Talk with your neighbor about what the clay feels like. Is it smooth, rough, soft, hard, stretchy, or stiff? What does it smell like?

**Extension Opportunities**
- Magic Model with Modeling Clay Part II.
- Making clay beads for necklaces.
- Mixing gack and coloring it with markers. Children can pack it to take home afterwards.