

# Talking Stick

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The talking stick, or speaker's staff is a symbolic wand or stick that encourages respectful communications in a group or public address. The person holding the stick is the sole speaker until the stick is passed to another sole speaker. It encourages listening and thinking before one speaks.

The tradition is found in many indigenous tribes, including Native American heritages. Barbara's presentation includes a textured surface design created with stamps. This concept is expandable to include a multiple of adornments or variations to personalize the stick.



## Tools:

Work surface, pasta machine, craft knife, blades, brush, burnishing tool, oven  
Graduated circle *metal* cutters approx. 2.5 inches and 2.75 inches, or sizes as desired

Printer paper, double sided tape, scissors

Texture stamps or surface design veneers

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## Materials:

4 oz. polymer clay, liquid clay

Spindle (or stick) approx. 1" diameter (at one end) to use as a handle

Trinkets, seeds, stones or notes to go inside the talking stick (It will rattle.)

Fiber strands, beads, feathers etc. as adornment