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Making decorative ceramic tiles.

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Elsa Mann shows how she makes tiled tables by hand.

Of particular interest is her homemade extrusion molding process which allows her to create ceramic edge trim for her tables.

She cuts the cross section of the trim into a piece of plywood. Then a clay press above the plywood forces the clay into one long extrusion.

A piece of sculptured arborite acts as a shaper tool to put grooves into her molding and then she finishes off the decoration with standard clay sculpting tools.

Elsa works with Night & Day Studio in Elora Ontario.

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