What a Character®
Mold F12F

Top and Bottom
This mold set creates 5 sets of feet with
approximate lengths of 7/8 inch, 1 1/8 inches,
1 1/2 inches, 1 3/4 inches and 1/7/8 inches

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Caution: Our silicone rubber is not FDA
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Instructions for using What a Character Flexible Push Molds F9 and F12F

PREPARING THE MOLD
This mold is intended for use with both polymer and air-drying clays or modeling compounds. A release agent is usually not necessary, but if your clay is especially soft or sticky, you may need to brush the mold prior to each use with water or with a very light dusting of cornstarch or baby powder. Be sure and brush out any visible powder before using.

HOW TO MAKE SMALLER FEET
To make smaller feet, fill the mold only partially full, then compress the sides of the mold to squeeze the feet and reduce their size.

MAKE A FEW PRACTICE FEET
Give yourself permission to experiment and make a few practice feet to see how the molds work. What happens if you fill the mold too full or if you use too little clay?

- Roll a rope that is as wide as the heel area of the mold and as long as you want the finished leg to be.
- Press the clay into the toe area of the mold.
- Gently bend the rope over ankle area of mold. Fit clay rope into the leg cavity. Don’t press leg flat. Use both of your thumbs to press the clay toward the heel so that it protrudes a bit.

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Press all clay away from the edges of the mold and into the center.

Fit bottom part of mold in place, being sure that all corners match. Press firmly.

To smooth edges, stroke with a brush, your fingers or a rounded tool.

Remove foot from mold. Smooth rough spots. Shape leg.

Make the second foot.

ADDING FEET TO A WIRE ARMATURE
If the feet will be attached to a wire armature, thread a piece of wire into each foot before baking. A loop at the end of the wire will keep the wire from pulling back out of the hardened foot.

ADDING FEET TO FABRIC SCULPTURES
If the feet will be attached to a stuffed fabric character or doll, add a clay rope around the top of the leg BEFORE hardening the clay. The fabric can then be attached over this clay ring and held in place with a gathered running stitch or drawstring.
Which hand and feet molds fit with what size of faces?

The average size guideline, for adult faces, is:
* The foot is slightly longer than the height of the head
* The hand is approximately 2/3 to 3/4 the height of the head

Of course you can exaggerate or minimize hands, feet AND heads if you so choose. Be creative.

Hand mold F11H, which includes 5 hands sized 3/4 inch to 1 3/4 inch, was made to accompany Mold F12F, 5 feet. These two molds compliment faces sized 1 inch to 2 inches measured from the chin to the top of the head.

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