

# POLYMER CLAY PROJECTS

Craft **one-of-a-kind** creations  
with **oven-bake clay**!



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## coffee mates

Give tea cups and coffee mugs a personal touch with custom clay critters. These cuties are perfect for holding tea bags or just making a basic mug a stand-out accessory. Use clay tools to add texture and details, then cut a notch in the bottom so the creation can sit on the rim.



## mug magic

A great way to approach this puzzle-esque portrait is to cut out all the sections (face, hair, bow and shirt) separately. Then layer the pieces together, place the design on a mug to form the shape, remove it from the mug, and bake it.

**TIP:** Use a clay extruder for little details and embellishments, like facial features.

After baking, add clay glaze to seal the design, then super glue it to the mug.



## go wild

These animal-inspired planters were made by wrapping clay around a vase (but any oven-safe container will do!). Leave the clay around the vase while baking so it'll hold its shape. Once it's cool, separate the hardened clay from the container.



## for the birds

Arrange clay creations in a wooden tray for an instant shadowbox. For extra depth and dimension, layer in decorative elements throughout.

**TIP:** Create polka dot and lined patterns by rolling clay pieces or strips into clay sheets before cutting out designs.



Knead and soften polymer clay before rolling it out—this will prevent cracking during baking.



## fruity cuties

- TRINKET DISH TIPS:** 1. Before baking, create dimples with a paintbrush handle and add seeds by flattening tiny balls of clay into the rolled-out designs.  
2. Bake the dishes on an oven-safe plate so they'll harden with a slight curvature.

## gnome sweet gnome

Make a good read jump off the page with a fairytale-inspired bookmark.

Form each gnome body out of a clay ball, then insert a craft stick from the bottom. Complete the look with a textured beard, round nose and hat, then bake (with the craft stick still in place).

## high note

Turn a daily notebook into a desktop darling with just a bit of clay. Cut out and arrange the larger pieces, then layer on the little lovelies—spiral roses, flower cutouts and leaves.

After baking, paint on details (like eyes and freckles), glue the finished piece in place, and add a sweet sentiment (our “Deer, Oh Deer” is flocked vinyl!).

For better adhesion, wet polymer clay when connecting individual pieces together.



## pretty prickly

For projects with lots of individual parts, use floral wire and super glue to connect the pieces (insert wire before baking and glue on accents afterward).

**TIP:** *Lighten or darken the green clay by mixing it with white or black clay.*



### ON THE COVER:

The miniatures on this teatime jar topper were made from clay and embellished with gold leaf, and the tablecloth was created with a lace silicone mold.

Psst... The tea is tinted resin.

## hangin' around

A simple way to DIY animals (or any shapes for that matter) is to create a cardstock template. Just trace the template onto the clay and cut out the shape.

P.S. For hanging, poke a small hole at the top of each design before baking.

