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POLYMER CLAY

Techniques



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Tips & Step-By-Step Instructions
FOR MAKING UNIQUE CLAY CREATIONS.



CUSTOM COLORS

Clay Crafting 101: There's no such thing as too many colors! Run two or more hues through a craft clay machine to create a custom shade. Here's our guide to help you get started.

On the Cover: This tile cane technique features a kaleidoscope pattern—pair six triangle-shaped canes together to form a square, then stack and repeat to make a grid.



CLAY ARRAY

Love these clay ornaments? Place a mirror image print-side down on clay rounds. Then brush water over the paper with a paintbrush, gently rubbing the design into the clay with your finger, and let it dry. Remove the paper, make a hole for hanging, and bake.



KEYS TO CLAY

Texture sheets can imprint intricate details into clay in no time! And clay cutters make it easy to turn a sheet of clay into a variety of pieces...like these keychains.

Tip: Clay hardens over time, so add clay softener (following package instructions) to keep it pliable while you're working with it.



FAB SLAB

Creating and embellishing a clay slab is a great way to cut out multiple pieces, like these floral barrettes. All it takes to pluck these pretties from their floral gardenscape is an oval clay cutter. P.S. We shaped the flower petals from small clay circles using a ball tool.





CLASSY CLAY

We made these earrings using the Millefiori tile caning technique, a color-centric method that means a *thousand flowers* in Italian. By the way, glue isn't the only way to adhere two pieces of clay together—just layer the individual pieces, bake them, and they'll stay together.

MIRROR, MIRROR

To make this clay mirror, shape iridescent opal accent clay into an arch. Then roll colored clay into thin coils and drape them across the top in geometric patterns. Once it's finished baking, let it cool, adhere a mirror to the back, and reflect on a DIY done right!



CREATION STATION

An easy way to add intricate designs to small clay DIYs? Hint: It's not on the clay aisle. You can find these molds in the Party & Baking department. We made this flourishing display with a variety of cutters and leaf and flower molds.





STYLISH STENCILING

Embellishing clay jewelry can be as simple as stenciling on a design and brushing it with mica powder for a bit of shimmer. And that's exactly what we did to make this 4-step statement necklace.

SUPPLIES:

- Navy Sculpey Premo Oven-Bake Clay – 2 ounces
- Botanical Assortment Stencil
- Goat Hair Round Paint Brush – size 16
- Gold Mica Powder
- Craft Clay Machine
- Awl & Curved Edge Ceramic Tool
- Craft Knife
- Cutting Mat
- Needle Nose Pliers
- Drill
- Jump Rings
- Chain

STEP 1: Knead clay, then roll and press into square. Thread clay through craft clay machine.

STEP 2: Stencil mica powder onto clay.

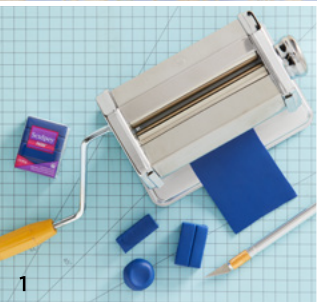
STEP 3: Cut desired shape from clay with craft knife. Make hole for jump ring with ceramic awl.

STEP 4: Bake according to package instructions. Add jump ring and attach chain.

NOTE: For a glossy finish, apply sealer spray paint or decoupage medium after baking.



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TRAY TALK

While the metallic hues come from the wide array of accent clays, the secret to this marbled tray's luxe look is gold leaf and powdered pigments. Follow these step-by-step instructions to make your own!

SUPPLIES:

- White Premo! Sculpey Clay
- 18K Gold Premo! Accents Clay
- Frost White Glitter Premo! Accents Clay
- Gray Granite Premo! Accents Clay
- Silver Premo! Accents Clay
- Translucent Premo! Sculpey Clay
- Twinkle Premo! Accents Clay
- Beige Premo! Sculpey Clay
- Brilliant Gold Pearl Ex Powdered Pigment
- Silver Pearl Ex Powdered Pigment
- Metal Leafing
- Liquid Polymer Clay
- Cutting Mat
- Acrylic Clay Roller
- Parchment Paper
- Oven-Safe Bowl
- Craft Knife
- Clay Blade



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STEP 1: Use clay blade to cut clay into small pieces.

STEP 2: Mix clay pieces together, and add silver and gold pigment.

STEP 3: Mix clay pieces together again, and add liquid clay and sheets of metal leaf.

STEP 4: Form clay into cane.

STEP 5: Cut cane into nine pieces, and arrange in 3x3 square grid.

STEP 6: Roll grid flat with acrylic roller, then use craft knife to cut circle from slab.

STEP 7: Drape clay over upside-down oven-safe bowl, and curve edges as desired. Bake according to package instructions. Once cool, apply gold leaf to edges.