

Colorful Clay Creations

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Making the Heart Necklace

Supplies: clay, rolling pin or pen, toothpick, butter knife.

1. You can make different colors of clay by pinching off small pieces and squishing them together.
2. Make a ball of clay about the size of a quarter for your bottom layer. Use a rolling pin or pen to roll out the clay to about 1/8th of an inch thick .
3. Make a heart pattern by folding a 2 1/2 inch piece of paper in half. Draw half a heart on the fold. Cut around the shape and then unfold the paper.
4. Place your heart pattern on top of the rolled out bottom layer of clay. Use a toothpick to cut around the pattern and lift out your heart shape. Use your fingers to smooth the edges.
5. Roll out another thin layer of clay using a different color you like. Make another heart just a little bit smaller. Place the smaller heart on top of the bottom heart shape.
6. Roll out another thin layer of clay and make an even smaller heart shape on top of the other 2 hearts. Be sure to press the layers together evenly so they will stick together.
7. Use a pencil to poke a hole into the heart at the top big enough to put a cord or chain through it to make a necklace.
8. You can roll out thin coils like tiny snakes to place around the edge of the heart. Always press the clay firmly together to make sure it will stick. Use the toothpick to poke dots around the edge to make a pretty design. And you can carve in the name or first initial of a loved one on top of the heart.
9. Place the finished heart on a metal cookie sheet and place in the oven. Bake the clay for 15 minutes at 275 degrees. The clay will get hard and then you can string the heart shaped pendant on a pretty cord or chain.

Making the Dragon

Supplies: clay, toothpick, butter knife

1. You can make different colors of clay by pinching off small pieces and squishing them together.
2. Roll out a coil of clay, any color you like, about 1 inch thick and 3 inches long to form the body of the dragon.
3. Now, form the head of your dragon using the butter knife to open the mouth. Make small balls for the eyes and use the toothpick to poke nose holes. It is very important to press the clay together firmly and smooth the pieces together so they don't fall off!!
4. Roll out 4 short coils to make the legs and attach them to the body. Make claws and nails.
5. Roll out a coil for the tail and attach it to the body. Add spikes to the tail and draw on scales. Make tiny clay balls and squish them to make scales. Press the scales onto the body.
6. Add teeth and a tongue and use the toothpick to add details to your dragon.
7. Place the dragon on a metal cookie sheet and bake it in the oven for half an hour at 275 degrees.

Making Clay Beads

Supplies: clay, toothpick, butter knife

1. You can make different colors of clay by pinching off small pieces and squishing them together.
2. You can mix two colors together partially to create swirls.
3. Once you make all the colors you like you can start to roll out small shapes to form beads. The beads can be different sizes and shapes. Use your imagination! Any shape can be a bead as long as you put a hole in it!
4. Use a toothpick to poke a hole all the way through your beads. Make the holes big enough for a cord to pass through.
5. You can also make a small loop of clay to press on to a bead instead of poking a hole.
6. Place the beads on a metal cookie sheet making sure they don't touch. Bake for 15 minutes at 275 degrees.
7. String your beads on a cord and use other kinds of beads like small metal, plastic or glass to put in between your clay beads to make a beautiful necklace!