

The Art of Polymer Clay Creative Surface Effects: Techniques and Projects Featuring Transfers, Stamps, Stencils, Inks, Paints, Mediums, and More Jun 26, by Donna Kato.

Polymer clay is a man-made, oil-based clay with unique properties. The polymer clays on the market are actually made in many colors and even have special effect colors that are translucent and fluorescent. They can be made to look like other substances such as metal or stone and many of the colors can be mixed to form other colors. The clay can be colored with other media like paint, ink, chalk, foil, glitter and embossing powders. Polymer clay is great for making prints and stamps as they pick up fine detail and kids LOVE to make prints and stamps. It also can be baked at temperatures lower than a home oven which is why there are specialty ovens created just for this clay. Since polymer clay is not only for adults, here are some of things you can do with kids with the clay. Polymer clay projects you can make with young children Beads and jewelry which I will go into more detail about later in this post are one of the most popular things that adults and kids alike like to make with polymer clay. There are so many ways to make them, with so many different colors that you can use. Of course, the girls will be the ones that will gravitate toward jewelry making, but you never know. Making Jewelry from Polymer Clay is a book that gives really great ideas and instructions and I will talk more about this book later. Transformed art is basically when you take everyday items and transform them to make some kind of project with them. You can cover a can to make a pencil holder, pens for pen holders, candles holders, switch plates holders and boxes that can be used for all kinds of things. They can make pinch pots, coil pots and all kinds of bowls that they can actually use. Adding the clay to collages is another interesting way to use this clay. Making practical items out of the polymer clay like frames, pieces for games, dioramas and even greeting cards. Sculpting is another great project to do with polymer clay. How to help kids sculpt with polymer clay: In my post clay modelling for kids I explained what the basic process is for teaching children how to wedge clay and then sculpting with it. Sculpting with polymer clay is different. Polymer clay is not as dense as the self hardening or kiln firing clay so it needs a different technique. It cannot be smoothed with water and you need a special softener to be used to smooth it out something like a liquid clay softener. Once you finish working with the clay it needs to be left overnight to dry before curing. Curing is just another word used to describe the hardening of the clay. Most people bake it. Some of the polymer clays do not allow any more molding or forming once its baked while other have more flexibility after its cured. When sculpting small figurines you can mold them out of the piece of clay itself. Florists wire is probably the best to use for this. You twist the wire into the shape you want and then put the clay around the wire frame. You may also want to double twist the wire to make it stronger. You do that by flattening the chunks of clay into sheets and then press it onto the tinfoil and smooth it all together. Two of the most popular polymer clays: Sculpy polymer clay and fimo polymer clay So which of the polymer clays are the best to use. I am only going to discuss two of the most popular ones that you can use for polymer clay crafts, sculpy and fimo. Sculpy clay Sculpy polymer clay does not have one product. They have many clay products and many times people knead two or more of the clays together to get the consistency they are looking for. Sculpey is firm with a smooth texture. They will also not dry out when exposed to air. It tends to get dirty while working on which is why its best to use white and then color it after. If you want to save on softener later one then when you buy the clay, put it right away into a plastic air tight container. Eraser clay Another cool product of sculpy is eraser clay. You can do everything to it that you do with the other scuplely clays and then after its baked, it erases. It is a bit harder than the sculpey to manipulate, does not have as many different products as sculpy but, may be a little cheaper than the sculpy varieties. It can be sculpted the same way as the sculpy and any directions you see above about sculpting and projects can be used to make fimo clay projects as well. The clay comes in many different colored as well and after baked can still be cut, drilled, painted, sanded and even sliced. Polymer clay jewelry One of the most common uses for polymer clay is the making of jewelry. This is really a hobby of many adults, and children cannot create the same kinds of jewelry that adults can. There are also many techniques the children will not be ready for. It is a wonderful craft and even though most of the

ideas in books on polymer clay jewelry making will not be for children, it is good for you to become familiar with the techniques. The book below is one of many that you may want to try to see how much it helps you to learn about all these techniques. Making Jewelry from Polymer Clay This book gives you a very thorough understanding of how to make polymer jewelry. It teaches you to make different beads for the jewelry, textures to use, designs, baking and everything else. The photos are beautiful and you will get ideas how to help kids make gorgeous jewelry. Another interesting type of polymer clay is liquid polymer clay This book will give you lots of information on how to use the liquid clay. Once you become familiar with how to use regular polymer clay then you may want to explore liquid polymer clay. Polymer clay beads Making Polymer Clay Beads Polymer clay beads are the beginning of jewelry making with polymer clay. There are many techniques that are covered. Mokume Gane and Mica shift. The book focuses on the diversity of beads and the examples of bead jewelry are awesome. Again, even though this book is not for kids, little girls love making beads and jewelry and it will help you help them make beautiful jewelry. Polymer clay recipe There are many that believe that you cannot make polymer clay by yourself and can only buy it. Personally I would not be interested in messing with making it but ,there are those that would love to find a recipe and I did find one for you on a website called The artful crafter.

Chapter 2 : Polymer Clay and the Art of Aging Gracefully with Christi Friesen - Cloth Paper Scissors

Polymer Clay Gemstones? Kristine Taylor is a local (to me) polymer clay jewelry artist that I discovered during a recent visit to a downtown art gallery and www.nxgvision.com work caught my eye because it was beautiful, first.

Chapter 3 : Polymer Clay Art Jewelry Making: Tips and Ideas from the Pros - Interweave

Make gorgeous polymer clay jewelry with instruction and inspiration from polymer clay designers Ilysa Ginsburg and Kira Slye. The unique and artistic techniques in Polymer Clay Art Jewelry provide new.

Chapter 4 : How to Make Polymer Clay Jewelry (with Pictures) - wikiHow

Enjoy these fun polymer clay creations including wall art, jewelry and easy polymer clay tutorials so you can make your own wonderful projects. Colorful, fun art gifts from elegant to whimsical. There really is something for everyone!

Chapter 5 : Polymer clay projects for kids: Including beads & jewelry

Polymer Clay Art Jewellery - The New Trend in Fashion Jewellery. Polymer clay is a clay like material made from the mixture of polyvinyl chloride (PVC), plasticizer along with some pigment that gives it the required colour.

Chapter 6 : Polymer Clay Nature Art Jewelry | Karen's Nature Art

The Clay Jewelry Projects is the guidebook with easy to follow instructions and inspiration from polymer clay designers. The book covers artistic techniques in polymer clay art jewelry offer new and creative ways for creating fantastic necklaces, earrings, bracelets and more.

Chapter 7 : Polymer Clay Art Jewelry

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