

MATERIAL AND TOOLS

OR WHAT TO PREPARE TO START MAKING YOUR OWN POLYMER CLAY JEWELRY

1. HOW MUCH POLYMER CLAY IS GOOD TO BUY AT THE BEGINNING?

BUY APPROXIMATELY 5 TO 10 PACKAGES OF POLYMER CLAY, CHOOSE COLORS WHICH YOU LIKE AND WHICH ARE FITTING TO EACH OTHER. SOME SUPPLIERS ALSO OFFER BARGAIN PACKAGES THAT CONTAIN MORE COLORS. DEFINITELY BUY WHITE COLOR CLAY, MAYBE EVEN IN A BIGGER PACKAGE. AS A LITTLE HELPER FOR COLOR COMBINATIONS SEARCH ONLINE FOR COLOR PALLETES. THESE MIGHT GIVE YOU AN IDEA WHICH COMBINATIONS LOOK GOOD IN GENERAL AND THEY ARE PRETTY INSPIRING TOO.

2. WHAT TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT WILL YOU NEED?

- ACRYLIC ROLLER
- SLICER
- CUTTERS OF VARIOUS SHAPES – AT THE BEGINNING YOU CAN USE BAKING CUTTERS
- GLASS OR A PLAIN GLOSSY FLOOR TILE – IT IS GOOD FOR PRESSING THE CLAY AND IT'S EASY TO CLEAN
- SKEWER, NEEDLES AND PINS – FOR MAKING HOLES IN CHARMS AND BEADS
- INTERESTING TEXTURED OBJECTS AND TEXTILES (E.G. LACE) – YOU CAN FIND THEM ALL AT HOME
- GLUE

3. WHAT BEADING TOOLS AND COMPONENTS ARE GOOD TO HAVE?

- BASIC SET OF BEADING PLIERS
- BASIC EAR - WIRES
- BASIC EAR - STUD FINDINGS
- BASIC CLASPS & TOGGLES
- HEAD & EYE PINS

4. DO YOU NEED A SPECIAL OVEN TO BAKE POLYMER CLAY?

NO, YOU CAN USE THE NORMAL KITCHEN OVEN! BECAUSE BAKING HAS HIGH ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION, I RECOMMEND TO BAKE A BIGGER BATCH ALTOGETHER. WHEN YOU FINISH ONE PIECE, JUST PUT IT ON A TRAY AND SO ON, UNTIL YOUR TRAY IS FULL. PREPARING ALL THE PIECES MIGHT TAKE YOU SEVERAL DAYS WHICH IS ABSOLUTELY OK FOR THE CLAY IN THE BAKING TRAY.