

Clay Star Cutouts

Ornament and instructions provided courtesy of viewer Libby Mills from Glastonbury, Conn.



Materials:

Premo polymer clay - red pearl and gold,
pasta machine
Scratch-Art texture sheet - stars pattern
Pearl-Ex - gold
circle cutter
Kemper cutters or aspic cutters
clear glass Christmas ornaments
wet dry sandpaper
bead reamer or small drill bit
super glue
decorative string
Flecto Diamond Varathane Elite gloss
gold-wired ribbon bow

Steps:

1. Condition one package of Premo polymer clay in red pearl. Run through the pasta machine at a #1 setting and set aside.
2. Combine and condition 1/2 package of Premo pearl polymer clay and 1/4 package Premo gold polymer clay. Run through the pasta machine on a #3 setting.
3. Place the gold sheet on top of the red sheet being careful to avoid trapping any air bubbles. Run through the pasta machine at a #1 setting.

4. Dust a Scratch-Art texture sheet (stars pattern) with gold Pearl-Ex. Run the clay and the texture sheet through the pasta machine on a #2 setting making sure the red side is toward the texture sheet.
5. Remove the texture sheet from the clay. Cut out two circles of the gold dusted star-patterned clay with a two- to three-inch circle cutter.
6. Cut star shapes out of one side with small Kemper cutters or aspic cutters.
7. Lay the circles over identical rounded forms (clear ornaments), patterned side up.
Tip: Place large clear glass Christmas ornaments in a muffin tin to keep from rolling.
8. Smooth the circles down so that there are no air bubbles and the edges are smooth against the baking form.
9. Bake at 275-degrees for 25 minutes. When cool remove carefully from the baking form.
10. Using wet dry sandpaper (300 or 400 grit) carefully sand the edges by holding each half dome flush against the sandpaper on a flat surface. Stop sanding when the edges are smooth enough to fit together nicely.
11. With a bead reamer or small drill bit, drill out a small space at the top of the back piece for a string.
12. Tie a loop of decorative string to make a 2- to 3-inch loop.
13. With a dot of super glue, glue the loop carefully to the top edge of the back where you have drilled the small indentation.
14. Run a thin bead of Super glue along the edge of the back piece and fit the two pieces carefully together.
15. Coat with a thin layer of Flecto Diamond Varathane Elite gloss.
16. Embellish with a bow made of gold-wired ribbon.