



**Angelique Church Mouse
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Materials

polymer clay: white or white pearl, pink
pipe cleaner or chenille stem
embroidery floss
sheet of parchment paper or still fabric for wings
yard of 1/4" white ribbon
Fabri-Tac craft glue
1-1/2" aluminum foil ball

Steps:

1. Make a flat sheet of clay about 1/8-inch thick and cover the foil ball. Roll the ball in your hands to make it smooth and well attached to the foil. This is the body. Set aside for now.
2. Roll four 1-1/2-inch-long snakes, each about 1/4 inch thick, for the two arms and two legs. Smooth and round one end of each arm and leg, then flatten the rounded end slightly to create paws. Make four shallow dents/lines in each paw to indicate fingers and toes. Bend each arm and leg into an "L" shape and set aside.
3. Using a piece of clay about the size of a grape, roll a cone shape for the head. Bend it to make the long snout area; then attach it to the body. Make tiny slits for the closed eyes. One way to do that is to turn the piece upside down and press your pinky fingernail into it.
4. Flatten the end of the snout (be very gentle) and add a tiny ball of pink for the nose. Make certain the nose is firmly attached.
5. Use a sewing needle to make a hole in the side of the snout about 1/8 inch behind the nose. This hole must go all the way through to the other side of the snout and must be large enough to allow a strand of the floss to go through for the whiskers.

6. Place the arms on the sides of the upper body and put the hands together to look like she is praying. Place the legs on lower sides of the body so that she is sitting.
7. Roll two 3/8-inch balls; flatten them slightly and pinch one area just a little and attach each to one side of the head for cute little ears. Blend the seam line.
8. Roll a small snake, tapered at one end, for a tail and attach it to the bottom back of the body. You may curl the tail into whatever design you wish. To prevent breakage, the tail should be against the body.
9. Bake the piece as directed on the clay package. Allow it to cool.
10. Cut a 2-inch piece of pipe cleaner or chenille stem and form into a loop for the halo. Twist the ends together with some remaining to insert into the head.
11. Make the hanging loop from 5 or 6 inches of floss or thread and glue to the back of the head. Let it dry for a few moments; then add a small ball of clay (about the size of a pea) to cover the area where the cord is attached. Smooth this area to look as neat as possible. Bake and cool again.
12. Use the pattern provided below to cut out wings and glue them to the upper back. Make a tiny bow and glue it in the center of the wings.
13. Put a dot of glue on the end of the floss and roll it between your fingers to create a point. Wait a moment for the glue to dry a little; then thread through the hole in the snout and pull until the whiskers on the side you are pulling are about 2 inches long. Place a small dab of glue on the floss on one side of the snout and pull a little to get the glue into the hole to secure the whiskers in place. Trim the length of the whiskers and separate the tiny strands until you are pleased with the way they look. Let the glue dry.

