

Beautiful Bird Pendant

by Cooksongold

Get in touch with your wild side with this beautiful PMC bird pendant, with quick and easy steps from Cooksongold.





What you'll need:

Agate/Metal Burnisher Or Tumbler Polisher

Padaon Palm	700 575
Badger Balm	100 575
Ball Stylus	
Brass Plate: Daisy	700 507
Brass Plate: Beech	700 500
Clay Shaper	700 580
Cutter: Bird Cutter (Medium	700 546
Needle Tool	700 586
Brush And Cup Of Water	946 010
PMC3 10g Silver	855 021
PMC3 Paste	855 030
Roller And 2 x 2mm Spacers	700 591
Rubber Block	999 7151
Sandpaper	973 110
Snake Roller	700 584
Stainless Steel Brush	700 597
Straw	
Torch And Block To Fire Or Kiln	999 795, 999 955B
Work Mat	700 552

Step 1

To begin

Rub some Badger Balm on both your hands and the Daisy brass plate. Place the clay on the brass plate and roll using the spacers and roller. Remove the clay from the brass plate and place on a piece of Teflon.

Step 2

Bringing the bird to life

Cut the bird using the medium sized bird cutter and leave to dry, then sand. Roll a fine coil and wrap around a piece of plastic straw. Attach to the bird with a clay shaper. Leave to dry before removing the plastic straw.

Step 3

Rolling a coil

Use the snake roller to roll a coil. Run a damp paintbrush across the coil and shape to create the branch. Leave to dry and sand.

Step 4

Making the finer details

Rub some Badger Balm on the Beech brass plate. Remove the remaining clay from the pack, leaving a small amount for the berries. Place the clay on the brass plate and use the roller and spacers to roll a slab. Remove from the brass plate and place on a piece of Teflon. Create some leaf shapes using the needle tool and shape using your fingers. Let the leaves dry and then sand.

Step 5

Putting the pieces together

To assemble the piece, join the bird to the branch using paste or syringe. Continue by adding the leaves. Leave the piece to dry and add more paste/syringe to strengthen.

Step 6

Creating the berries

To create the berries, roll the remaining clay into small balls. Position in place using paste and add a dimple in each berry using the ball stylus tool. Leave the piece to dry completely before firing.

Step 7

Firing up

Firing using a butane gas torch, place on a torch block. Gently heat the button using a butane gas torch, wait for the binder to burn off and time for a minimum of two minutes when the piece starts to glow orange. Quench in a cup of water.

Evenheat Pro Set Kiln: Fire on the preset PMC3 Fast Programme (700C/10mins).

Step 8

To finish

Place the fired piece on a rubber block and use a stainless steel brush to polish. To achieve a high shine finish, continue using a burnisher or place in a tumbler polisher with mixed stainless steel shot and 1/3 teaspoon of tumbler soap.

Aftercare: Polish using silver polish and a soft cloth.

