Intermediate

LEATHER EFFECT CHRISTMAS TREE

GET INTO THE FESTIVE MOOD WITH THE HELP OF FIMO
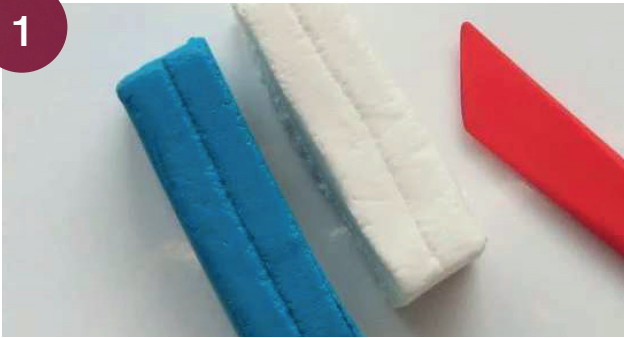
Kit List:

FIMO Leather Effect 57g Polymer Clay Block	
Lagoon Colour Reference 369	866 386
Ivory Colour Reference 029	866 380
FIMO Modelling Tools Pack of 4	867 210
FIMO Silver Leaf Metal 10 Sheets	867 250

Kit List:

Acrylic Roller	867 219
FIMO Metal Cutters	867 213
Silver Clay A4 Cutting Mat	700 675
FIMO Oven thermometer	
Noris 965 Hobby scissors with 17 cm blade	
Tile	
Wet wipes	
Thin card	
Metal cookie cutte	
A baking tray	
Hole punch	
Metal rivets + setting tools	
Thin ribbon or cord	

Project supplied by FIMO

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Use a tile as a work surface. Cut off 2 x portions of FIMO leather-effect 'Lagoon' and 2 x portions of 'Ivory'.

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Press and twist the FIMO so the colours swirl together.

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Press the FIMO with your fingers then flatten it with a roller.

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Keep rolling until the colours start merging together. For a more blended effect, fold over the FIMO then re-roll it to a depth of 2-3mm.

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Cut a tree shape from the rolled FIMO using a metal cookie cutter.

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Make more trees in the same way from the remaining blended FIMO. If you prefer a more snowy effect, roll some more 'Ivory' FIMO over the blue before cutting out the shape.
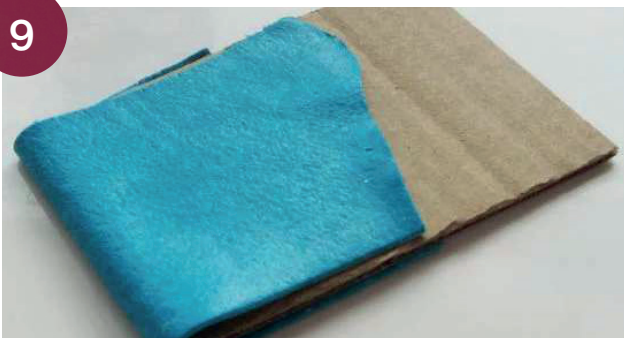
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For a metallic pattern, press a sheet of FIMO Leaf Metal over some rolled FIMO then roll over the top until the Leaf Metal crackles. Fold the FIMO in half so the metallic effect is on both sides, roll to a depth of 2-3mm then cut out a shape with a cookie cutter.

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Cut out some small stars from rolled FIMO with a FIMO Mini Shaped Cutter.

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To make loops for hanging the tree, thinly roll a small FIMO piece then fold it over some card.

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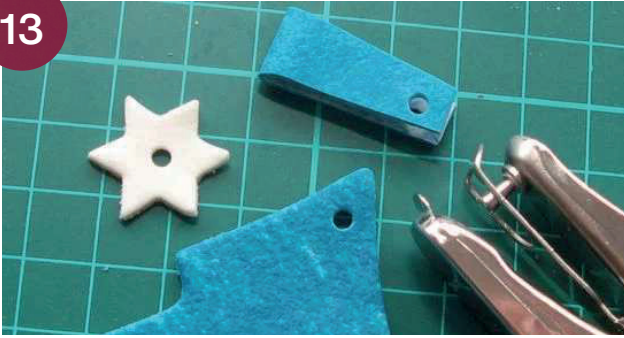Carefully place all the FIMO shapes onto a piece of card on a baking tray.

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Preheat the oven to 130°C / 266 °F (upper and lower heat). Once it is up to temperature, place your pieces in the oven and harden them for 30 minutes. Leave to cool before handling.
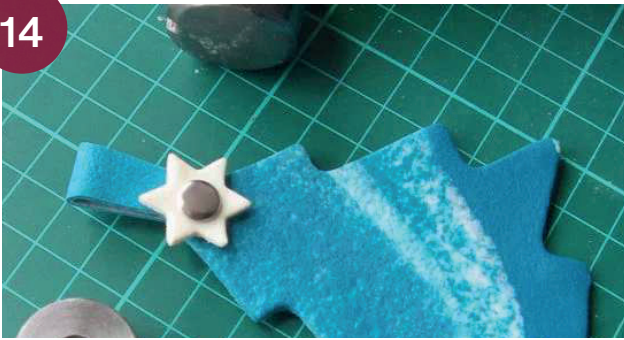
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To add an eyelet, punch a hole near the top of a hardened FIMO tree, push the eyelet through the hole then set it with a tool.

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To add a loop, punch a hole through the top of a FIMO tree and star. Trim the folded FIMO strip to approximately 1cm x 3cm then punch a hole through both ends.

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Place the strip over the tree, with the star on top and all the holes are aligned.
Push a double-sided rivet through the holes then fix in place with setting tools and a hammer.

TIPS:

· Try using different FIMO leather-effect colour combinations to make a selection of Christmas shapes.

· Keep your fingers clean with wet wipes so darker FIMO colours don't transfer onto the lighter ones. Wipe and dry the tile before using a new FIMO colour.

· Placing FIMO on a piece of card on the baking tray helps to prevent the reverse side appearing shiny or patchy. Always keep card away from the edge of the oven or heated elements.

· For safety if you need to use glue, wear disposable gloves, a filter mask, and eye protection.