

TOP 10 TIPS

For Making Polymer Clay Jewellery

Whether you fancy giving polymer clay jewellery making a go or you're looking for some advice, discover our top 10 polymer clay tips below!

1 Tools

If you stock up on a range of tools before you start, you'll have more creative opportunities.

To get started, pick up:



2 Workspace

Make sure your set up is suitable for working with polymer clay. You'll need to work on a smooth surface so the clay doesn't stick.

Top tip!
Try working on a ceramic tile or glass from a photo frame.

3 Clean your hands

Before starting, clean your hands. Use badger balm to prevent dryness and colours transferring from one clay to another.

4 Storing

Polymer clay needs to be stored properly, as it can dissolve some plastics. Use plastic resealable sandwich bags to keep it safe and free from dust.

5 Roll out your clay

To ensure that all bubbles have been removed, roll your clay through a pasta machine. Fold in half and put the clay in fold first!

6 Don't seal it

There is a myth that you have to seal your clay with nail varnish or solvents, but you don't have to! The clay is strong enough as it is.

7 Knead it

This is vital for activating the clay, so it can harden when it's baked. Simply warm it with your hands and knead it well before sculpting.

8 Use foil

Planning on making some polymer clay beads for your jewellery? To make the core, tightly scrunch some aluminium foil, cover with clay, bake and you're done.

9 Clean the clay

One of our top polymer clay tips is to use a cotton bud and rubbing alcohol to clean the clay so your design is squeaky clean before baking.

10 Use a thermometer

This is key for ensuring your oven is the correct temperature so that your clay is fully cured. It also reduces the risk of your clay being burned or becoming brittle after it's been baked.

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