

Dragonfly Brooch

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Materials:

FIMO® Soft clay (two ounces of each) –
Black, Metallic Gold, Metallic Red, Violet
FIMO® Decorating Gel
Amaco® PolyRoller or rolling pin
Amaco® PolyBlade
Amaco® Pasta Machine
Seed beads – Black
Pin back
E6000 glue

Instructions:

1. Condition the clay. Make a Skinner blend using four different colors.
2. Stretch this clay from the thickest setting on the pasta machine gradually to #5. Cut off the ragged edges.
3. Using the scraps of the Skinner blend, flatten and cut into very thin strips.
4. Place the strips at random on the top half of the Skinner blend clay.
5. Fold over the other half of the Skinner blend with the strips inside and flatten with the PolyRoller or rolling pin.
6. Put through the pasta machine at the thickest setting. Cut in half, stack and flatten with the PolyRoller or rolling pin.
7. Keep cutting in half, stacking and flattening until reaching a desired thickness and make a cane (a roll) with this striated clay. Cut five slices from this cane.
8. Put one block of conditioned black clay through the #5 setting on the pasta machine.
9. Place the five slices of the cane in the shape of a dragonfly.
10. With the PolyBlade, shape the five slices of the cane into the body of the dragonfly and the four wings.
11. Make the head of the dragonfly with a small piece of black clay about 1/4" in diameter. Push in two black seed beads for the eyes.
12. Bake in an oven at 265 to 275°F (130 to 135°C) for 30 to 60 minutes.
13. Let Cool.
14. Glaze with Liquid FIMO® Decorating Gel.
15. When dry, add a pin back using E6000 glue.

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