

Clay Ornaments

Supplies Needed:

- Polymer clay
- Acrylic Paint
- Paintbrush
- Rubber stamps
- String/ribbon
- Cookie Cutters
- Rolling pin for clay (you can use a marker that has straight sides too)
- Baking sheet
- Parchment paper (to prepare the ornament and bake)
- Paper Towels
- Cup of water

1. Condition the clay, to get it soft so that it's easier to work with.

2. Roll the clay into a ball, using the rolling pin roll the clay into a disc that is 1/4" thick.

3. Use the cookie cutters of your choice and cut out the shapes for your ornaments. Mine were about 2" in diameter for the circles.

4. Use the back of the paintbrush to create a hole at the top of the ornament to loop the ribbon/string through later.

5. Using your rubber stamp create the designs and words you would like for your ornament. I used snowflake stamps and have individual letters and number stamps to use. I wrote the year, joy, and Merry Christmas, the options are endless.

6. When you are finished stamping your designs into the clay, place them on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet and bake your ornaments according to the clay package instructions. Mine was 15 minutes in a 275-degree oven for every 1/4" thickness. Let them cool completely after taking them out of the oven. Be sure to get help when using the oven.



7. When your ornaments are cooled completely you can start to paint them. I coat them completely and then wipe off the excess so the designs I stamped stand out. Once they dry I like to wipe them again with a slightly damp paper towel to finish them and get them how I like them.

8. Once they are completely dry and how you like them to can cut a small piece of string to loop through the hole and tie a knot at the top to finish.

