

Project of the Week: 'Crazy about you'

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What you need:

Agate/metal burnisher or tumbler polisher
Badger Balm
Kiln
Paintbrush and cup of water
PMC3 6.3g silver
Roller and 2 x 1.5mm spacers
Rubber block
Sandpaper
Snake Roller
Stainless steel brush
Stamping set
Teflon
Thick straw, piece of tubing or pen



All items above are available from The PMC Studio, www.thepmcstudio.com, tel. 01494 774428

Step 1

Rub some badger balm on your hands and snake roller. Remove the clay from the pack and use the snake roller to roll a coil about 5mm thick.

Step 2

Place a spacer either side of the coil and use the roller to flatten it into a ribbon.

Step 3

Use the safety cutter to trim the edges and neaten the sides.

Step 4

Print your message using the letter stamps. Make sure they are crisp and clear so that the letters won't be erased during sanding. Rub some badger balm on your tube and carefully wrap your coil around the tube. Leave to dry

Step 5

Once dry, gently sand the coil on the surface and sides. If you have and hairline cracks these can be removed with a damp paintbrush and water.

Step 6

Fire your coil in an Evenheat Set-Pro kiln on the PMC3 Fast Programme (700C/10mins). Push kiln pillow into the coil to help it keep its shape. Once fired remove the piece and quench immediately. If using the Creative Metal Clay kiln use programme 3.

Should you not have access to a kiln The PMC Studio also offers a Kiln Firing Service. For information on how to use this service please go to www.thepmcstudio.com. The cost of this service is £2 per item plus return postage.

Step 7

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

Optional: Use a soft cloth and silver polish to complete your polish.