

Project of the Week: Valentine's Bracelet

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What you need:

Agate/metal burnisher or Tumbler polisher
Badger Balm
Beads
Jump rings
Needle tool
Paintbrush and cup of water
Pendant Heart Template
Plastic drinking straw
PMC3 9g silver
Roller and 2 x 1.5mm spacers
Rubber block
Sandpaper
Stainless steel brush
Stretch elastic
Torch and block to fire or Kiln
Work mat



All items above are available from The PMC Studio, www.thepmcstudio.com, tel. 01494 774428
The stretch elastic and beads are from Beadtime, www.beadtime.co.uk, tel. 01932 244700

Step 1

Rub some badger balm on your hands, work mat and roller. Place the clay on the work mat and roll the clay 1.5mm thick using the roller and spacers.

Step 2

Place the template firmly on the clay and use the needle tool to cut out the square shape. Remove the excess clay and replace in the pack. Place your chosen heart shape in the centre of the square and again, use the needle tool to cut out the heart shape. Put the excess clay in the pack.

Step 3

Use a straw to cut a hole for attaching a jump ring. Leave the charm to dry. When dry, gently sand the top, back and edges of the charm.

Step 4

Firing using a butane gas torch: Wait for the binder to burn off and time for a minimum of 2 minutes when the piece starts to glow orange.

Kiln firing using Set-Pro kiln: Fire at 700C for 10 minutes.

Kiln firing using Creative Metal Clay kiln: Program 3

Step 5

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

Aftercare: Polish using silver polish and a soft cloth.