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HEARTY CLAY ROSE

SUPPLIES & TOOLS

- White Hearty Clay – air dry clay #77856070
- Yellow Hearty Clay – air dry clay #77856021
- Scissors
- Paper towel
- Clear Plastic Wrap for storing clay
- Air-tight container for storing clay

Optional:

- Floral wire
- Tacky Glue #1360916
- Hearty Clay Color Scale Tool #30227059 or Ruler or Measuring spoons



INSTRUCTIONS



1. Mix clay colors - To make a rose with different shades, you will need to make a few different batches of clay, each with less of the pigment color clay added to the white clay.

Using a ruler or measuring spoons can help keep the amount of clay you use similar so the color will be consistent.

The more intense color will be in the center and will require less clay than the outer petals.



2. Mix the two clay colors together until the color is even.

If you mix more than one batch of clay at a time, place the other clay under a slightly moistened paper towel to keep the clay from drying out.

NOTE: The paper towel should just be slightly damp, not soaked. Very little water is needed to keep the clay from drying out. Too much water can make the clay very messy and hard to work with.



3. Take a ball of clay and shape into a rounded cone for the rose base, about 1/2" – 3/4" tall.

For all the petals, you will roll pieces of clay into a teardrop shape but in different sizes for the different sized petals.



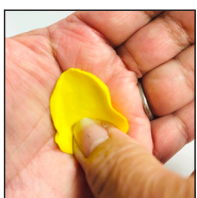
4. Making Petals - Place the teardrop with the point down onto the palm of your hand and slightly flatten.



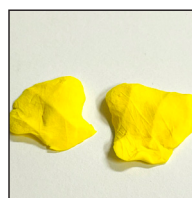
5. Slowly, spread the clay across your palm, going first to the to the right.



6. Then spread the clay to the left.



7. Lastly, spread the clay downwards in the middle. The texture of your palm creates a realistic texture for the rose petal. The thinner you can make the clay, the more real your petals will look.



8. Carefully peel the petal off the palm of your hand.

Make two small petals.



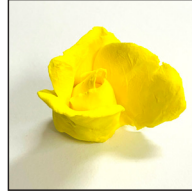
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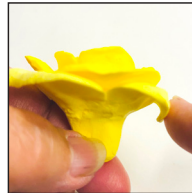
9. Wrap the two small petals around the tip of the cone base to form the center of the rose. Just lightly press the clay petals onto the cone to attach, glue is not needed



10. Make 3 petals slightly larger. Wrap around the first petals, tucking the sides into each other. Press just the bottom of the petals to the base.



11. Make more petals in sets of three and add to build up the rose. You can change to a lighter color mix if you want as you make the outer petals.



12. As you make the rose larger, shape the petals to look like the rose is blooming. Slightly roll the edges of the petals over. Make the rose as big as you like.

If the bottom of the rose is too bulky, you can trim some of the clay off with scissors.



13. Drying the rose - Roll up a dry paper towel and make it into a ring. Place the rose in the center of the ring so that the paper towel supports the outer petals. Let the rose dry overnight.



14. You can make leaves if you want and add to the bottom of the rose. With the dried rose, flat roses can be glued to boxes, frames and other items for decoration.

You can insert a floral wire if you want stemmed roses. Insert at the bottom of the rose and add a little glue to secure. Finish by wrapping the wire with floral tape.



15. Store the unused Hearty Clay by pushing all the air out from the package and close the package up. Wrap the package in a clear plastic wrap. Place in an air-tight container or bag.



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