

POLYMER CLAY WARNINGS:

- Read instruction sheet before use
- Do not ingest. For craft use only
- Do not handle hot clay straight from the oven

HOW TO USE:

- Roll out clay slab to the desired thickness using a plastic, stone, or metal roller. Alternate between rolling horizontally and vertically to preserve the design. Avoid clay sticking by wetting the roller with a bit of water first. Our suggested thickness is approximately 2-4mm thick for creating earrings.
- Use clay texture sheets or other tools to add raised & embossed textures to the clay, if desired.
- Use clay cutters to cut shapes into the clay or create your own shapes with cutting tools. Remove excess clay from around the cutter and reuse it.
- To avoid sticking when using clay cutters or texture sheets, a light dusting of corn starch OR a spritz of plain water will help it release.
- Add top holes into the clay as needed for jewelry-making or hanging. The clay will not shrink or change size in the oven, so create holes in the size needed for final assembly. Poke a hole from the front AND back of the piece to create a consistent hole. For the most professional finish, you can add holes after baking by using a fine-tip motorized drill.

HOW TO BAKE:

- Use a kitchen oven, toaster oven, or convection oven for baking. Do NOT use a microwave.
- Polymer Clay can be baked on an oven-safe metal baking sheet, or on a smooth ceramic tile. Using a sheet of parchment paper or regular copy paper underneath the clay is suggested for metal pans, but not mandatory.
- Preheat the oven to 250°F / 120°C and allow the oven to come to temperature.
- Place the clay, on the oven-safe baking sheet, into the oven for 15-20 minutes. Do not overbake, as the clay may darken. Avoid darkening by covering your work with an aluminum foil shield (not touching the clay).
- Ovens can vary greatly in terms of heat consistency and distribution, and this will affect the bake time. Check your oven's internal temperature to ensure it is at the right temperature.
- Cooking on metal vs. ceramic or stone surfaces will also affect the bake time. Generally, clay will cook faster on metal and will need a longer cook time on ceramic or stone. Get to know the equipment you are using to find the right combination for you.
- Remove from oven and allow to cool completely before handling.
- The clay pieces should be durable and flexible after baking. If your project breaks or snaps when you try to bend it, the clay was not properly baked for long enough or oven was not hot enough.

TIPS & TRICKS:

- Conditioning clay: pre-designed clay slabs should not need any conditioning. If the clay has dried out slightly or is crumbly and hard to roll, immerse the clay for 3 minutes in hot tap water (approximately 140°F / 60°C) to soften it.
- After cutting, reuse the excess clay from around the cutters so none is wasted. Re-roll the excess clay to create marbled patterns.
- Check your pieces carefully before placing in the oven. Small distortions like fingerprints, nail marks or stray hairs should be addressed before baking. Avoid this by keeping a clean workspace, clean tools, and clean hands.
- Sealing: Polymer Clay bakes to a matte finish and does not require any additional sealing. If you prefer a shiny finish, we suggest using UV Resin as a topcoat after baking and cooling. Brush with UV Resin in a thin, even coat and cure under UV light according to the UV Resin packaging directions. Avoid any spray sealants as these will interact with the clay and remain sticky.
- Polymer Clay pieces may have some rough edges after baking. For the most professional finish, you may want to sand the edges before final assembly. You can use sandpaper, a nail file, or a small drill. Excess clay can also be cleaned up BEFORE BAKING, with a toothpick.
- To finish dangle earrings: Use jump rings to attach different earring parts together. Use ear hooks at the top to finish the earring.
- To finish stud earrings: You must attach a flat pad earring back with a strong metal glue. For the most long-lasting bond, try imbedding the flat pad earring INTO the clay before baking.
- To finish pendant necklaces and charms: Use jump rings to attach your pendant or charm to a necklace or bracelet cord/chain.
- Cleaning: Properly baked clay is durable and waterproof, so it can be cleaned with water as needed.
- Storage: Store unbaked clay in an airtight container between 65°F — 90°F / 18°C — 32°C and use within 2 years of purchase.