

Paper covered polymer clay beads

by



Material list:

White polymer clay
Scrap clay
Tissue paper
Paper sheet
Adhesive tape
Printer (inkjet)
Elmer's glue
Wallpaper paste
Water
Scissors
Sponge
Toothpicks
Brush
Varnish



1. Make a pillow or a tube bead.



2. Make the hole with a toothpick or with an awl.

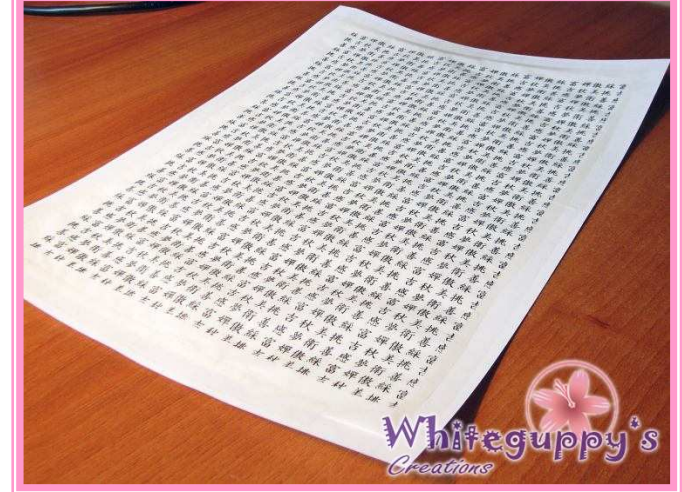


3. Bake in the oven at temperature indicated by the manufacturer.

4. Cut the tissue paper to get a piece that is just a little bit smaller than your paper sheet.



5. Use the adhesive tape to fix the tissue paper on the sheet (with the shiny side down).



6. Print the desired design on the tissue paper. Take care not to print on the adhesive tape.



7. Cut the paper in the needed size for the bead (make a test first on a backed bead).

8. Mix:

- 1 part of wallpaper paste
- 1/2 part of elmer's glue
- 1/3 part water

and stir it up

or use glue for napkin technique (Potch).



9. Spike the bead on a toothpick.



10. Apply the glut onto the bead.



11. Adjust the paper on the bead.



12. Completely cover the bead with the glue soaked paper.



13. Push the bead into the a little dampish sponge. This helps to snuggle the paper round the bead.



14. Let it dry.
15. Apply minimum 2 coats of varnish.
16. Punch the upper hole that has been covered by the paper and the varnish.

This technique does also work when printing on a thin layer of a napkin. Try if your printer is adequate because it does not work with all printers. Please have into account that printing on this kind of paper can damage your printer.

You can also use the upper layer (the one with the picture) of decorated napkins.

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