

## Project: Bird Pendant

### What you need:

Agate/metal burnisher or tumbler polisher  
Badger Balm  
Ball stylus  
Brass plate: Daisy  
Brass Plate: Beech  
Clay shaper  
Cutter: Bird cutter (large)  
Needle tool  
Paintbrush and cup of water  
PMC3 or PMC Flex  
PMC3 Paste  
Roller and 2 x 1.5mm spacers  
Rubber block  
Sandpaper  
Snake roller  
Stainless steel brush  
Straw  
Torch and block to fire or Kiln  
Work mat or Teflon



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### Step 1

Rub some badger balm on your hands and the Daisy brass plate. Place the clay on the brass plate and roll using the spacers and roller. Remove the clay from the brass plate and place on a piece of Teflon. Cut the bird using the medium sized bird cutter. Leave to dry and sand. Roll a fine coil and wrap around a piece of plastic straw. Attach to the bird with a clay shaper. Leave to dry before removing the plastic straw.

### Step 2

Use the snake roller to roll a coil. Run a damp paintbrush across the coil and shape to create the branch. Leave to dry and sand.

### Step 3

Rub some badger balm on the Beech brass plate. Remove the remaining clay from the pack leaving a small amount for the berries. Place the clay on the brass plate and use the roller and spacers to roll a slab. Remove from the brass plate and place on a piece of Teflon. Create some leaf shapes using the needle tool and shape using your fingers. Leave the leaves to dry. Sand when dry.

### Step 4

To assemble the piece, join the bird to the branch using paste or syringe. Continue by adding the leaves. Leave the piece to dry and add more paste/syringe to strengthen the piece.

### Step 5

To create the berries roll the remaining clay into small balls. Position in place using paste and add a dimple in each berry using the ball stylus tool. Leave the piece to dry completely before firing.

### Step 6

Firing using a butane gas torch: Place on a Torch block. Gently heat the button 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. Quench in a cup of water.  
Evenheat Pro Set Kiln: Fire at 800C for 30 minutes.

### Step 7

Place the fired piece on a rubber block 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.