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INSTRUCTIONS
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CHRISTMAS WREATH



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EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

FMM PRODUCTS

- FMM Star Set of 4 Cutters
- FMM Curved Words - Merry Christmas
- FMM Large Holly Leaf Cutter
- FMM Bright and Light Clay
- FMM Small Smart Mat 300 x 300
- FMM Rolling Pin
- FMM Firm Foam Former Mat
- FMM Ball and Flute & Veining Tools

NON-FMM PRODUCTS

- MDF circular wreath 21cm wide (minimum)
- Distress Oxide ink (Salty Ocean)
- Silver acrylic paint • Red acrylic paint
- Green acrylic paint • White acrylic paint
- Silicone glue
- Gold gilding wax
- Water based glaze or varnish
- Iridescent glitter

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

HINTS & TIPS

Always use a non-stick rolling pin and a glass mat to cut the clay on.

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Knead the clay well before you start modelling to make it more pliable.

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You can use water with the clay to create a slip to stick pieces together.

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Try not to add too much water as cracks may form on the surface.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Use either an FMM Smart Mat or glass mat and dust with cornflower using an FMM Dab-a-Dust. Roll out some FMM Bright and Light clay to about 2mm thick.
- Using FMM Star Cutters, cut out all the elements that you require for the project. A random mix of various sizes will do. Put aside to dry.
- Cut out two stars using the largest cutter from the star set, then using a smaller star cutter, cut into the larger stars to create star shaped holes. Using the clay you have removed from the centres, roll together into a ball and add a little extra clay. You now have the correct amount of clay to form the blue colour centres for the two large stars.
- Colour this ball of clay by dabbing the ball onto a Salty Ocean Oxide ink pad. Knead together to turn the clay blue. Add extra colour, if you want the blue stars a darker.
- Roll out the blue clay to about 2mm thick and use the same star cutter that you used to make the star shape holes in the bigger stars to cut the blue clay. Once cut, place these blue stars in the holes of the larger stars and leave to dry.
- Roll out some more FMM Bright and Light Clay to about 2mm thick and using the FMM Holly Leaf Cutter, cut 6 holly leaves. Using some green acrylic paint, mix it in with the clay. Set aside for about 15 mins before rolling out to about 2mm thickness and cutting out 6 holly leaves.
- To give the holly leaves some extra shape, use the FMM Firm Foam Former mat and the FMM Ball tool. Place one holly leaf onto the foam mat and roll the ball tool between the points of the leaf. Add a score line down the middle of the leaf using the FMM Flute and Veining tool. Repeat this process for the other 5 leaves.
- Take a small amount of FMM Bright and Light clay and colour it using some red acrylic paint. Set aside for 15mins before rolling into tiny berry size balls to go with the holly leaves that you've made. Using the Flute and Veining tool, make a small indent into each of the berries.
- Roll out some FMM Bright and Light clay to about 2mm thick. Using the Merry Christmas word cutter, cut into the clay. Remove any excess clay from the cutter and tap out the words out from the cutter and leave to dry.
- For the next step, take the FMM smart mat and wipe some ink direct from the Salty Ocean colour Distress Oxide Ink pad. Spray the ink on the mat with some water, then take some white card and 'smoosh' the ink onto the card to create a unique inky pattern. Repeat this technique on a second sheet of card and leave to dry.
- Roll out some FMM Bright and Light clay to about 2mm thick, so that it is large enough to cover your MDF wreath. Cut off any excess clay from both the inner

and outer parts of the wreath, leaving about a 5mm overhang. The overhang is to compensate for the shrinkage of the clay when it dries.

- Now turn the MDF wreath and clay over and using anything that has some texture (a silicone texture mat, textured wallpaper, sandpaper etc) Use your texture and gently press into the wet clay. Cover the entire clay area with texture and leave to dry before the next step.
- Once the textured clay piece is dry, cut off any excess clay that is still hanging over the MDF wreath.
- Using a water based glaze or varnish, paint over the textured clay area. Before it dries, sprinkle some Iridescent glitter over it. Tap off any excess glitter.
- Turn the wreath over, textured clay side down. Take one of the smooshed patterns you created earlier and stick it to the MDF. Make sure that the pattern is face down, so that when you turn the wreath back over, you'll see both the textured clay and the smooshed pattern. Cut off any excess card from the outer edge of the wreath.
- Take some of the white coloured clay stars and paint with silver acrylic paint, then leave them to dry. Take the silver and white stars and randomly stick them over the blue smooshed background within the centre of the wreath. You may want to overlap some, to add a little more dimension. Also paint the clay words Merry Christmas with some silver acrylic paint.
- Using some white acrylic paint, dry brush round the outer edges of the holly leaves, to give them a frosty look. Once dry paint both the holly leaves and red berries with a water based glaze or varnish. This will help give them a realistic shine. Place aside to dry.
- Take the second smooshed background you made and place the clay words Merry Christmas on it. Don't stick the words down just yet, but use them as a guide, so that you can tear the background both above and below the letters. Now stick the smooshed torn background across the middle of your wreath. Cut off any background that overhangs the wreath.
- Stick into position the clay words Merry Christmas. Next, using some PVA type glue, trace over the torn edges of your smooshed background and sprinkle iridescent glitter over. Tap off any excess glitter and leave to dry.
- Take 3 holly leaves and position at the top of your wreath and stick into place. Add 3 berries on top of the holly using silicone glue. Repeat this at the bottom of the wreath.
- Finally take the two large stars with the blue centres and position one above the C of Christmas and the other below the last S in the word Christmas.
- And there you have it, project complete!