

Brownies in a Pan

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Materials Needed

- Air Dry Clay (I use the brown Crayola Model Magic)
- A pan (I use an octagonal flat back jewelry finding)
- Glossy brown fabric paint (I use Tulip brand dimensional paint in slick brown)
- A plate for serving (for quarter scale, you can punch a circle out of glossy photo paper)
- Glue
- Razor blade
- Straight pin
- Small paint brush
- OPTIONAL: A light tan or beige polymer clay and a screen for filtering.

Instructions

Step 1. If you're going to have nuts in your brownies, start by making those nuts out of the polymer clay. Roll the clay out in some snakes and bend those so you get a lot of different curves on the surface. If you're skipping the nuts, start with step 4.



Step 2. Bake these little curly snakes and then chop with a razor blade or polyclay knife.



Step 3. For quarter scale, you need very fine nuts. To remove the larger particles, you can pass the chopped nuts through a screen (e.g. a tea strainer or, as shown here, a filter for an irrigation system.) For larger scale nuts, you probably don't need to filter them.



Step 4. Take a look at your air dry clay. Does it look moist enough to be a brownie? Dark enough brown to be chocolate enough? If not, I add a drop or two of the fabric paint to the clay. It gives a little more color and more richness. Don't add too much or it will be sticky and difficult to work with. When you're happy with it, mix in the nuts if you are using them.

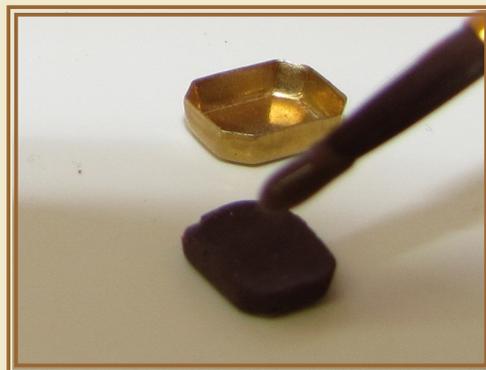


Step 5. If you have a little mold release, spray your pan with it. You can also dust it with a little baking soda at this point. Then, press your brownie batter into the pan and let dry. Follow the instructions on your package of clay for drying.



Step 6. With a pin, pry the brownies out of the pan. If they stick, just do the best you can. If you added the paint to the clay, they can be a bit sticky, but most of them are going back into the pan anyway, and will be frosted, so if they do break apart when removing them from the pan, you can just glue them back together with a tiny drop of glue. Now frost them with the

glossy brown fabric paint.



Step 7. Let these dry and then, with a razor blade, cut off a piece. Glue this to your plate and then glue the remaining brownies back into your pan. In the photo shown here, I glued three pieces to a plate for serving, but in the photo at the top, there is just one on the plate. It's up to you and depends on how many people are joining you at your miniature feast!



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