

Easy Collar Necklace
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Collaboration with
Tiny Pandora

In this tutorial, I will show you how to make a beautiful collar using your favorite polymer clay cane and an easy collar template by Tiny Pandora (this easy collar template can be purchased at www.tinypandora.com).

This tutorial is written with the assumption that you have polymer clay caning experience.

I encourage you to read through the entire tutorial before you begin. You will get a better understanding of the flow of the project.

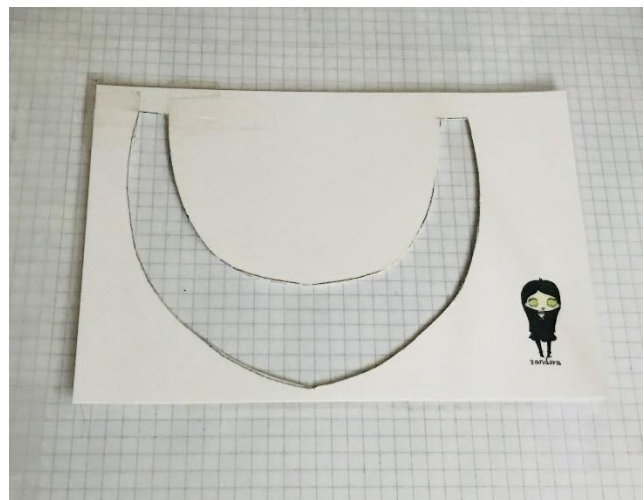
MATERIALS AND TOOLS

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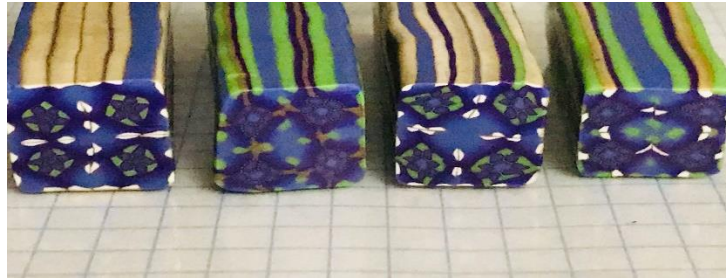
- 9 ½ inches clay cane of your choice
- (3) 2oz of packs of clay in coordinating colors
- Metal findings (clasps, hooks, and chain) or make your own findings
- Easy Collar Template by Tiny Pandora

Tools:

- Pasta Machine
- Acrylic Roller
- Tissue Blade
- Texture Sheet
- Sculpting Tools
- A glass surface or tile work surface
- Wax paper



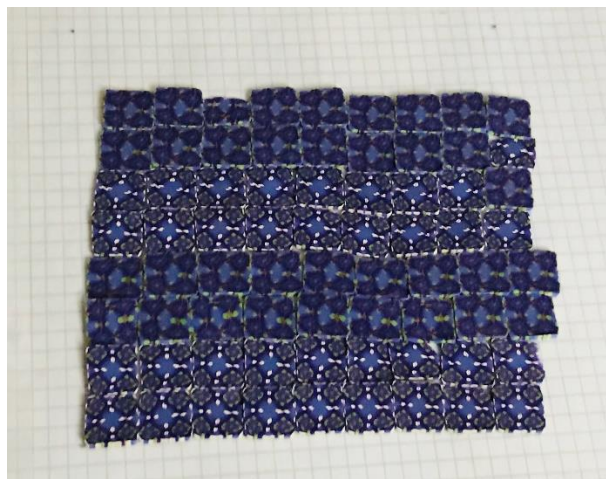
Step by Step Easy Collar Instructions



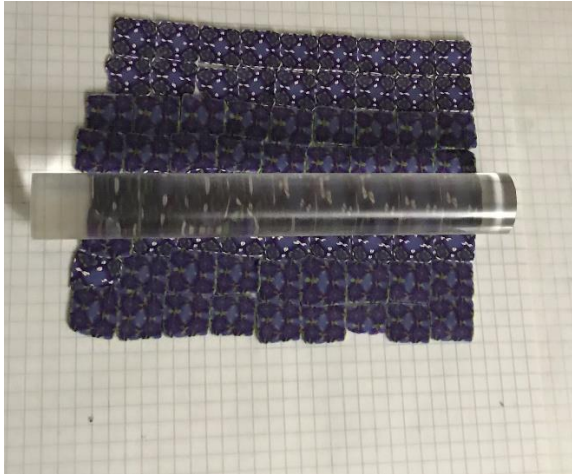
Choose your favorite polymer clay cane (a minimum of 9 ½ inches in length) and three (3) 2oz packs of clay in coordinating colors.

For this tutorial, I am using a polymer clay cane of my choice, and three (3) packs of Sculpey Premo Purple.

*** Clay Veneer for “Easy Collar” ***



Take your 9 ½ inch clay cane and cut approximately (80) 7/8 by 7/8 inch thin squares. Placing them side by side in a 6 ¼ in. by 6 ¼ in. square on a piece of wax paper (the wax sheet will keep the clay squares together).



Then, take your acrylic roller, roll over the squares until it is one solid sheet and smooth with no lumps or air bubbles.

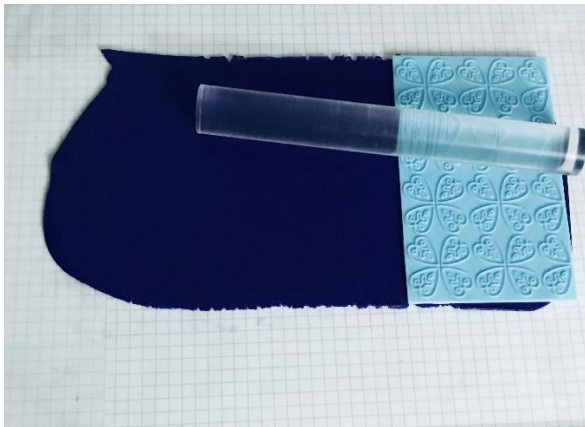
After you have rolled the clay squares into one clay sheet, slowly lift it from the wax paper for the next step.



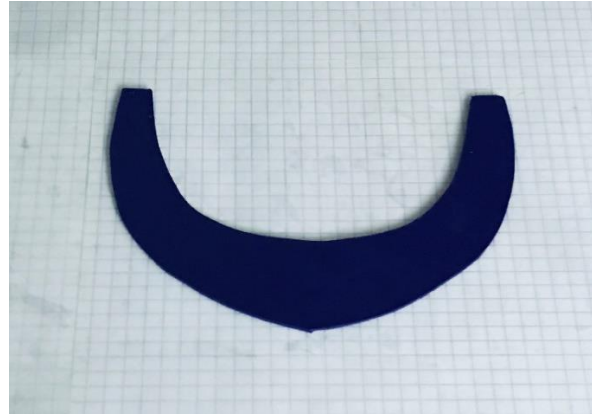
Next, take the “Tiny Pandora Easy Collar” template and lay it on of the clay sheet. Take your craft knife and cut the collar out and set it aside.



Open, cut, and condition three (3) packages of clay (you can do this step at the beginning, while you are preparing your materials for your project). Put it through the past machine at least 20 to 30 times



Lay the texture sheet on top of the clay sheet (I find it easier to roll the design onto the clay sheet in this manner). Take the acrylic roller and roll it over the texture sheet. Complete this process over the entire sheet. Be sure the use the wax paper in this process.



Once you complete this process, complete the same process with the “Easy Collar” template.



Add metal findings store bought or handmade. These findings are handmade by Rbjewelz Burch.

After completing this process, will slowly lay the clay veneer on top of the plain side of the easy collar.



Now, fit the clay “Easy Collar” onto the side of a glass or metal bowl in a collar shape. Then, use the soft tip of a sculpting tool to remove the line around the whole “Easy Collar” necklace.

After you are satisfied with the collar, put it in the oven at the recommended temperature on the clay package for about 45 minutes to an hour. Then, take out of the oven, and let it cool down completely.

You can remove the collar from the glass bowl. Then, take your craft knife and cleanup the edges of the entire collar. This is to make sure that there is no sharp edges on the collar.



Add your favorite metal findings (chain, clasp, and jump rings) to complete the collar in your desired neck length.

Enjoy your beautiful new piece of art jewelry.