

X-Mas Ornaments

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For this project you will need:

Air Dry Clay (such as Makin's Clay as I did use here) or any brand of Polymer Clay of your choice
Star shaped cookie cutters in 2 sizes
Texture plate
Clay Roller
Liquid Polymer Clay if you work with clay that needs curing in an oven
Acrylic Paint (gold)
optional: transparent cling film

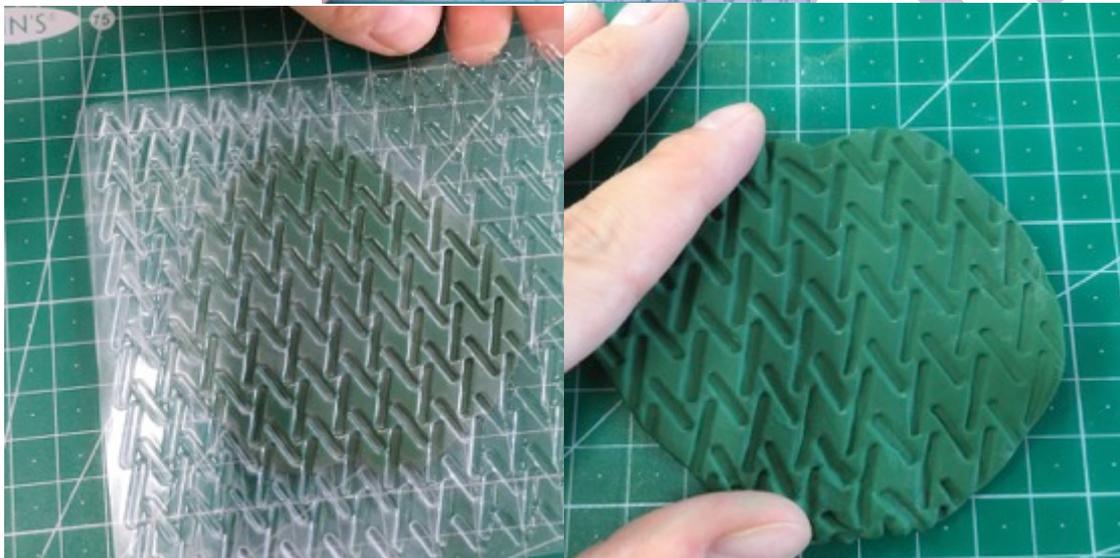


Instructions:

- I choose green and red for these ornaments but according to the colors of your tree or decorations you already have you can easily choose whatever color you love most.

Start by rolling out a sheet of clay of your first color and press your texture sheet into it

***tip: both if you use air dry or polymer clay, dust the texture plate with some corn starch for easy release**



- Now to cut out the stars with nicely beveled edges:

place some transparent saran wrap or plastic foil over your clay and then proceed to cut out a star using the larger one of your two cutters. Place the small star inside that and cut out the two stars



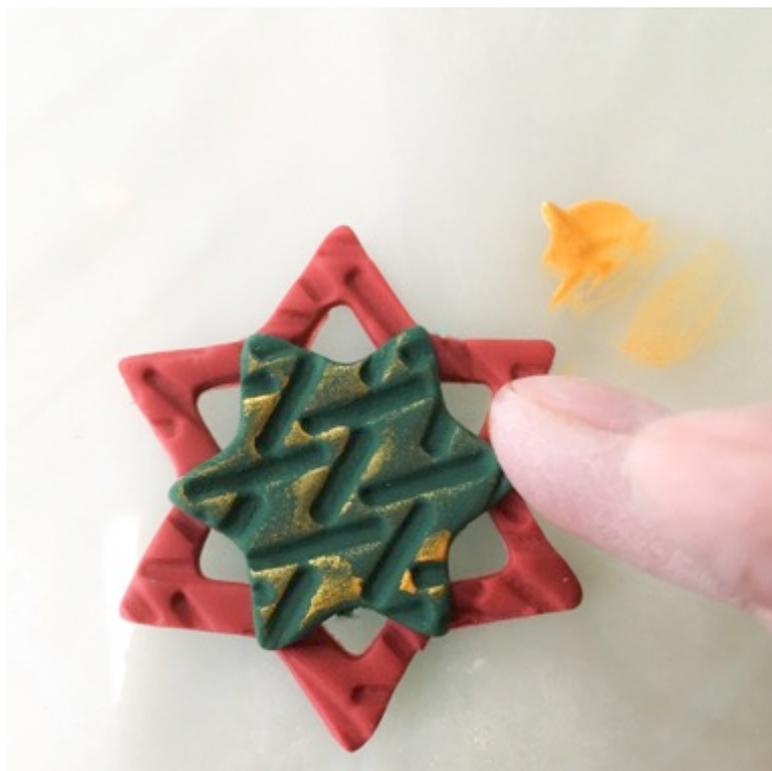
- You can also just cut them out as they are and get very straight edges, if you prefer. Now proceed to roll out and texture your second color of clay and cut out several stars of the two different colors.



- Now if you are using air dry clay add a tiny drop of water (if you are using bakeable polymer clay use a drop of liquid clay!) to the backside of the small stars, right at the points and place them on top of the big stars like shown in the next picture. You can mix the colors or make them of one color only. Let the air dry clay stars dry for a day or bake your polymer clay stars.



- When your ornaments are completely dry or out of the oven you can take some metallic acrylic paint and apply it to the raised areas using your finger or a stiff paintbrush or even a sponge.



- If you want them shiny now is the right time to add some gloss varnish on top and let that dry, I choose to leave them as they are. Now you can place your ornaments on your festive table or add a piece of thread and hang them on your tree or a garland



Happy Holidays Everyone!

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