



Crackled Polymer Clay

Create a crackled texture on your polymer clay. There are many different things that can be done with this simple and fun technique. This technique works great with Kato Polyclay. This is the clay used and tested. It should work with the other oven baked polymer clays, but some modifications to the instructions may be needed.

Materials used

Kato Polyclay

Optional

Mica Powders

Liquid Polyclay

Acrylic Paint

Tools needed

Heat Gun

Clay Machine

Slicing Blade

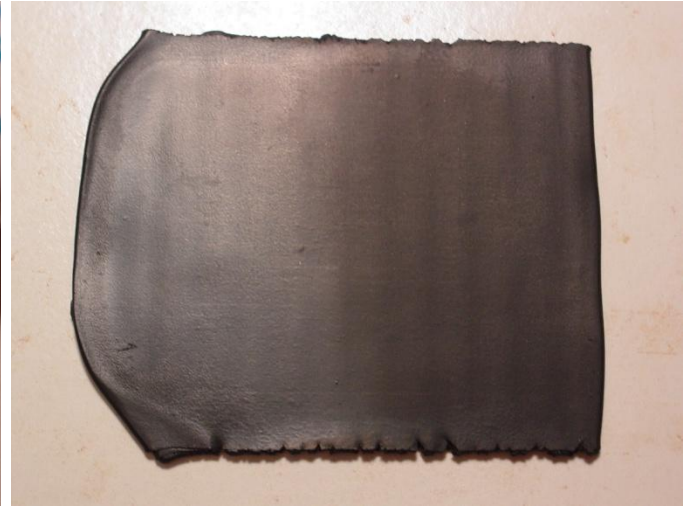
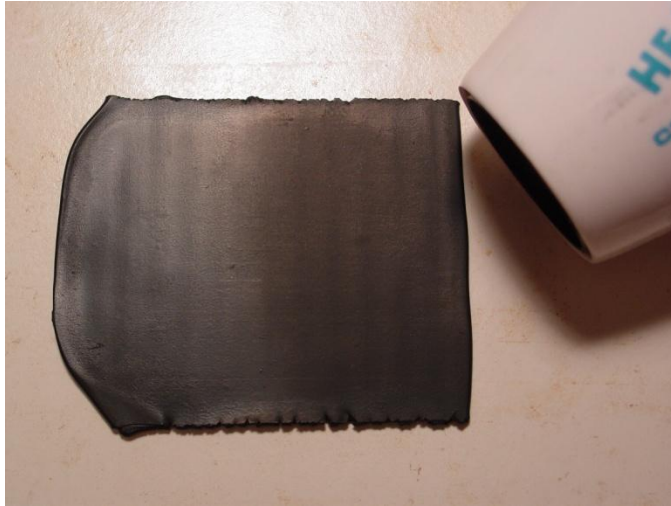
Optional Tools

Cookie Cutters

Mop Brush

1) Condition Kato Polyclay

- 2) Roll one half of the clay on the thickest setting of your pasta machine. Place it on a tile. Using the heat gun, heat the top of the clay until the clay surface turns dull. Do not overheat or you will bake the



sheet.

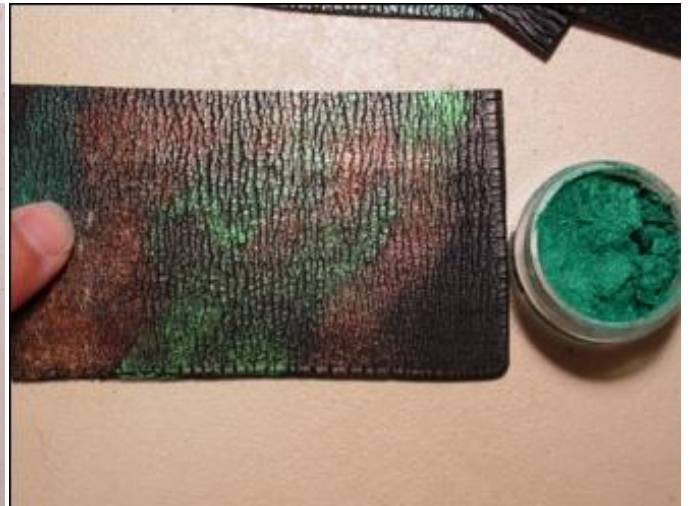
- 3) Immediately run the slicing blade under the sheet to remove it from the tile. Reduce the thickness on your pasta machine by one, run the sheet through your pasta machine.



- 4) Reduce by one again, turn the sheet 90 degrees and run it through. Repeat without turning



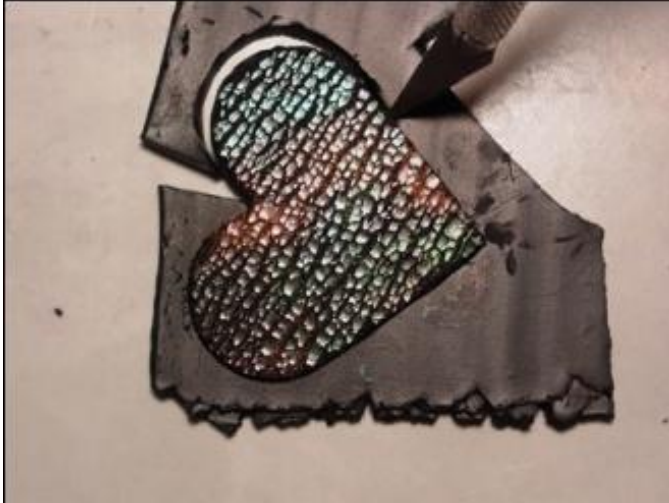
- 5) If desired, with a small mop brush, randomly brush, or pat with your fingers, powders or acrylic paint on the clay. You can also mix powders with liquid clay and paint this on top of the crackle.



- 6) Cut a shape with a cutter. Place on a polyester batting covered ceramic tile and bake at 275 degrees for 30 minutes.



- 7) Run the remainder of the Black Kato Polyclay through the pasta machine on the thickest setting. Place the baked shape on the sheet and trim around the heart with your craft knife.



- 8) This technique is also fun using patterned clay sheets.



Tip: Bake the unused crackled sheets when you are finished or they will become crumbly.

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