Floral Clay Pendant Tutorial



A FUN, SIMPLE PROJECT TO MAKE FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL



Supplies

REQUIRED:

AIR DRY CLAY OR HOMEMDE SALT DOUGH
PVA GLUE
PAINT
PAINTBRUSHES
SCRAP FABRIC
DRIED FLOWERS
WIRE

OPTIONAL:

SILICONE ICE CUBE TRAY
SANDPAPER



Instructions

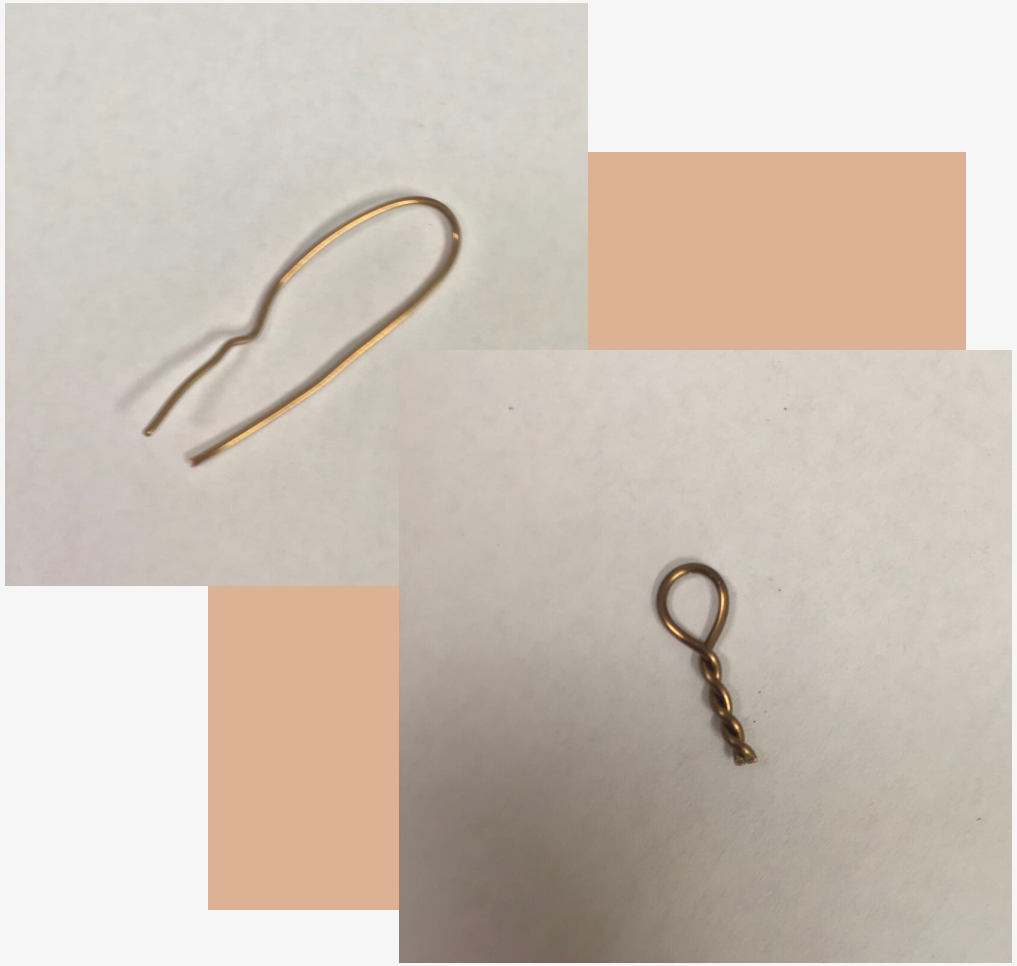
ROLL CLAY INTO A BALL, ABOUT THE SIZE OF A SMALL BOUNCY BALL

ROLL OUT INTO AN OVAL SHAPE,OR ANY SHAPE YOU WANT WITH A FLAT BACK.

IF YOU ARE USING AN ICE CUBE TRAY PRESS THE CLAY INTO THE TRAY - IT SHOULD FILL UP ABOUT HALFWAY.

GET CREATIVE WITH SHAPES - IF YOU HAVE A FUN SHAPED TRAY USE THAT!

GENTLY FLIP THE TRAY OVER AND PUSH OUT. RESHAPE IF NEEDED



TAKE YOUR WIRE, SHOULD BE ABOUT 2 INCHES LONG.

FOLD IN HALF

TWIST TOGETHER TO FORM A LOOP

NO WIRE? NO PROBLEM! GRAB A PAPERCLIP, BREAD TWIST TIE OR EVEN A CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT HOOK. GET CREATIVE - EVEN CHECK THE GARAGE FOR THINGS THAT CAN BE USED!





TAKE THE WIRE LOOP AND PUSH GENTLY INTO THE TOP OF THE CLAY. BE CAREFUL OR IT WILL CRACK!

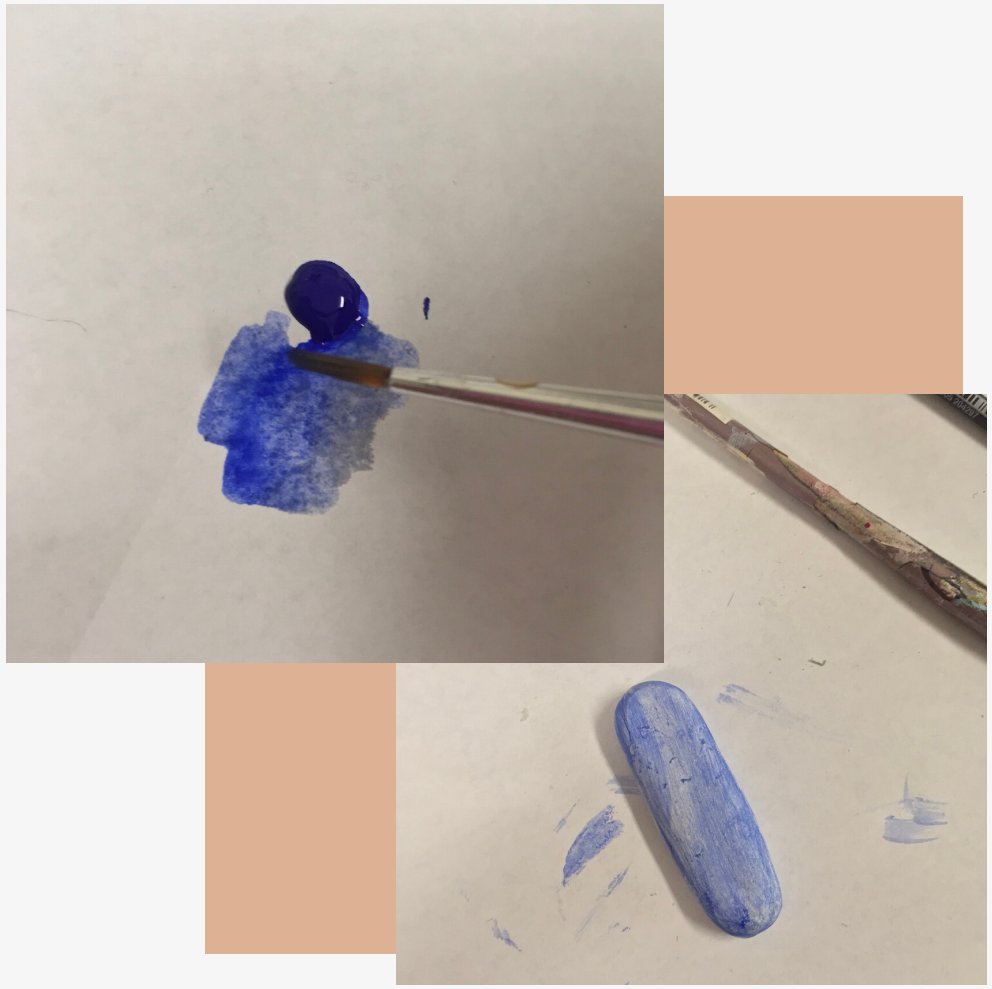
IF THAT HAPPENS FILL IN WITH MORE CLAY.

REMOVE THE WIRE AND LET THE PENDANT DRY. AIR DRY CLAY CAN TAKE A FULL 24 HOURS TO COMPLETLY DRY - BE SURE AND TURN THE PENDANT OVER AND LET THE OTHER SIDE DRY TOO

NOTE - YOU CAN SPEED UP DRY TIME FOR AIR DRY CLAY BY PUTTING IN A LOW HEAT OVEN OR TOASTER OVEN. AROUND 200 F, FOR 30 MINUTES OR SO. LEAVE THE DOOR SLIGHTLY CRACKED. SALT DOUGH MUST BE BAKED TO CURE

I WOULD STILL LEAVE OVERNIGHT TO MAKE SURE IT IS COMPLETELY DRY ALL THE WAY THROUGH.

IF YOU HAVE ANY CRACKING, YOU CAN LIGHTLY SAND THEM OUT WITH SANDPAPER



ONCE THE PENDANT IS COMPLETELY DRY ITS TIME TO PAINT!

YOU CAN USE ACRYLICS OR WATERCOLORS. IF YOU ARE USING ACRYLICS WATER THEM DOWN SLIGHTLY BEFORE USING.

I LIKE TO LAYER WASHES. TO DO THAT, TAKE ONE COLOR AND PUT DOWN A LIGHT WASH.

LET DRY



REPEAT FOR THE NEXT COLOR.

2-3 COLORS IS ALL YOU NEED, ANY MORE THAN THAT AND IT CAN START TO LOOK MUDDY.

TIP!

MAKE AN EXTRA PENDANT OR LET SOME SCRAP CLAY DRY TO PRACTICE YOUR PAINTING TECHNIQUES ON!



ONCE YOUR PAINT IS DRY, ITS TIME TO ADD SOME FLORALS!

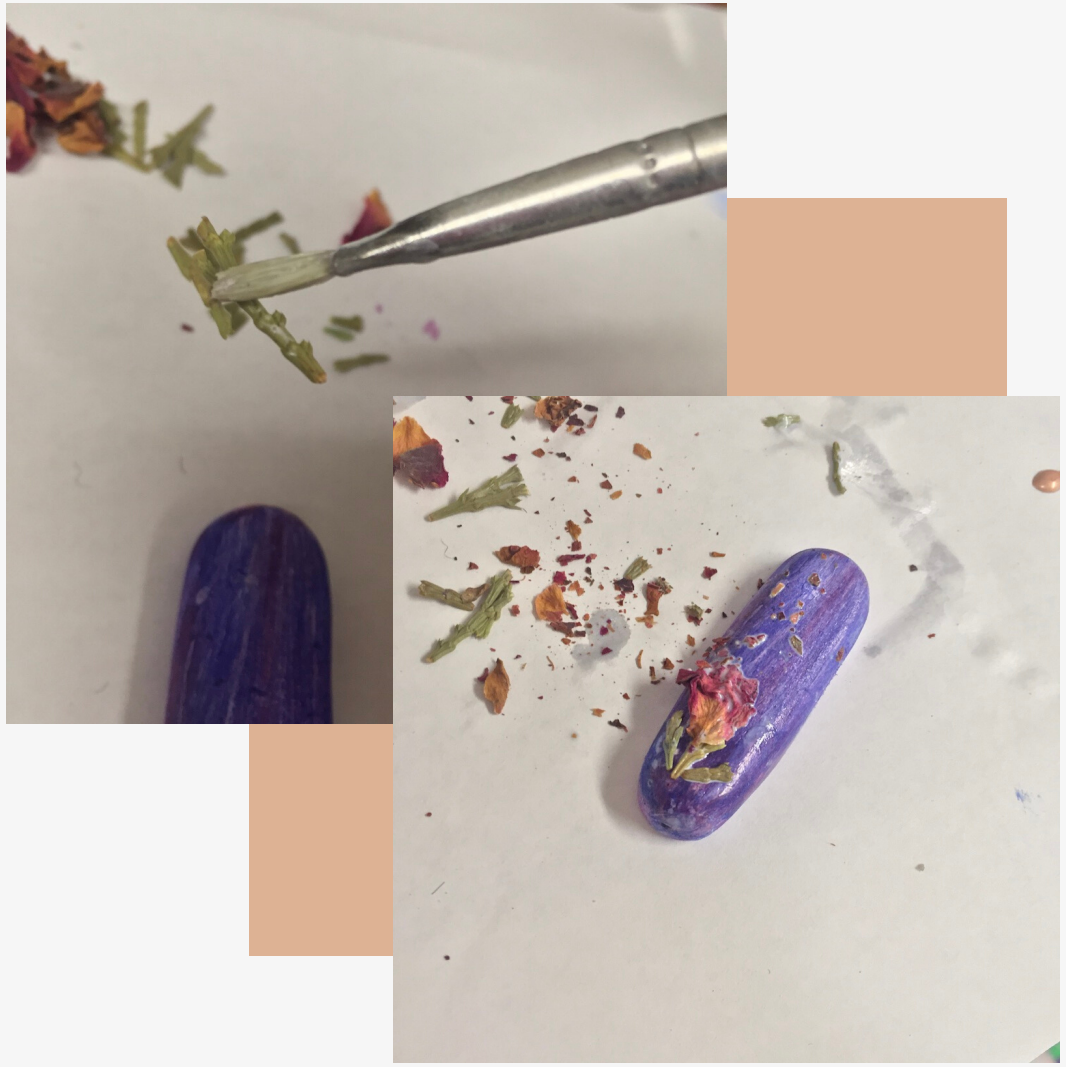
IF YOU DON'T HAVE DRIED FLOWERS OR LEAVES, GO HUNTING IN THE PARK OR THE YARD, EVEN YOUR SPICE RACK (JUST DON'T USE ANYTHING THAT SAYS GARLIC OR CHILI!)

YOU CAN ALSO PAINT ON YOUR OWN DESIGN IF YOU PREFER.

TAKE YOUR PVA GLUE AND WATER IT DOWN SLIGHTLY. IT SHOULD HAVE A MILK LIKE CONSISTENCY

USE A PAINTBRUSH TO LIGHTLY PAINT A COAT WHERE YOU WANT THE FLOWER TO GO.

IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH!



PICK UP YOUR FLOWERS, LEAVES, ETC WITH THE PAINTBRUSH - THIS KEEPS YOUR HANDS FROM GETTING ICKY.

ONCE YOU HAVE PUT THEM WHERE YOU WANT THEM, BRUSH ANOTHER LIGHT COAT OF THE GLUE OVER THE TOP OF THE FLOWERS.

MAKE SURE YOU COVER THEM COMPLETELY SO THEY STAY GLUED DOWN

LET DRY



REMEMBER THAT WIRE? FIND YOUR WIRE LOOP AND GLUE IT INTO THE HOLE YOU MADE WITH YOUR PVA GLUE.

YOU CAN ALSO USE SUPERGLUE FOR THIS STEP.

THE LOOP SHOULD FACE THE SIDE OF THE PENDANT.

YOU'LL WANT TO ADD SOME KIND OF BACKING TO THE PENDANT. TAKE SOME SCRAP FABRIC - NOTHING TOO SCRATCHY! - TO MAKE A BACKING

LAY THE PENDANT DOWN ON THE FABRIC AND LIGHTLY DRAW AROUND IT FOR A TEMPLATE.

CUT OUT THE PATTERN.

PUT A LIGHT COAT OF PVA GLUE (NOT WATERED DOWN FOR THIS STEP!)AND ATTACH THE FABRIC.



ADD A CHAIN OR SOME RIBBON AND YOUR NECKLACE IS COMPLETE!

I HOPE YOU HAD FUN CREATING THIS AND I WOULD LOVE TO SEE WHAT YOU MAKE!

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