DIY Mother's Day Clay Necklace Tutorial by Sarah Bowen



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This tutorial is great for ages 5 and up, though they made need some help getting the beads onto the skewer.

You will need:

- Polymer (oven-bake), or air-dry clay.
- A wooden or metal skewer
- Some string
- An oven

Here you will see three different styles of bead you might make, but the possibilities are endless!!

1. The first style is a swirly bead! Choose a 2-5 colors you'd like to combine and warm up small amounts of each (around pea-sized) by rolling them in your hand. Then roll each into a long snake, combine the snakes and twirl! Then roll your clay back into a ball.





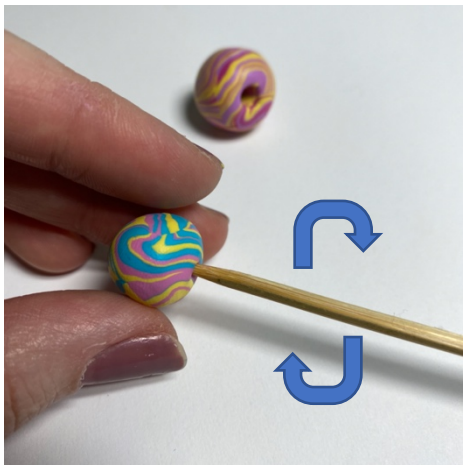


You can stop there, or repeat rolling it into a snake a twirling again to get even more swirly! But if you swirl too many times, know that you will mix a whole new color!



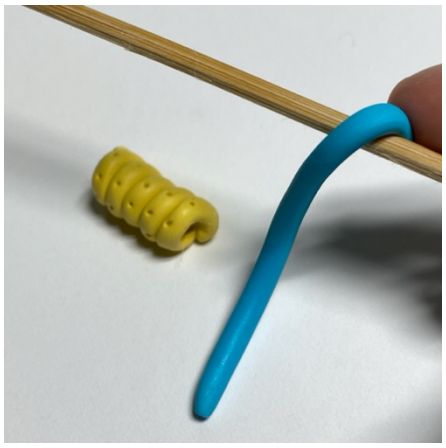


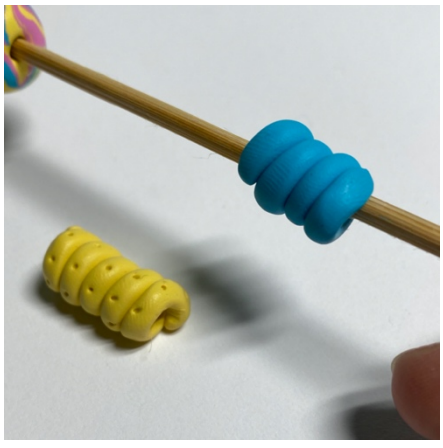


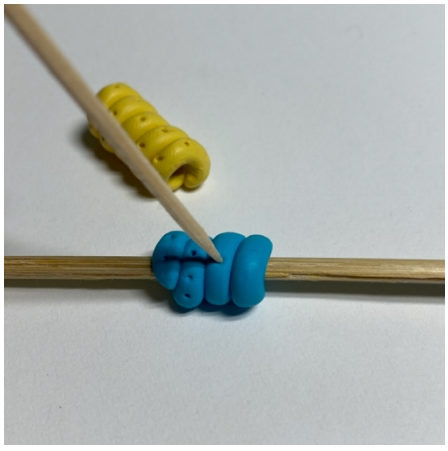


When placing the bead on the skewer, do it slowly and twist the skewer back and forth! That will help keep your bead a ball instead of squishing it. Be careful not to poke yourself!

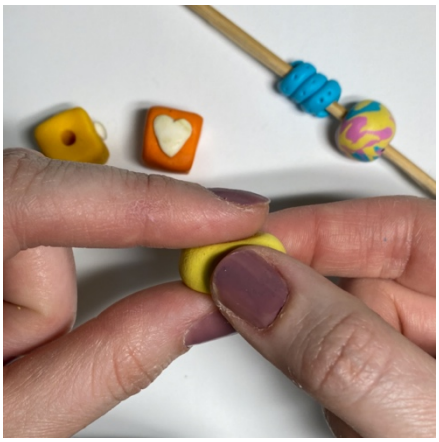
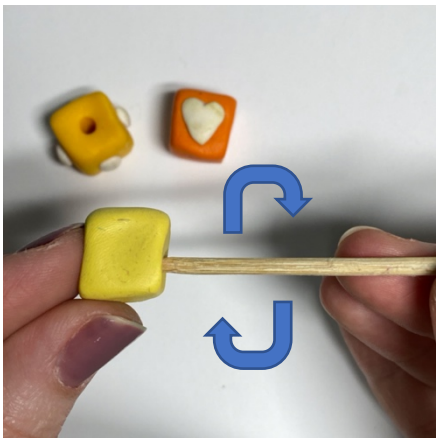
2. Our next bead is what I like to call the “noodle” bead! It’s quite simple. Just roll out a snake (it can be one color or a swirly mix. Hold one end on your stick, and twist it around and around. Use another skewer or a tooth pick to add dots or other designs.



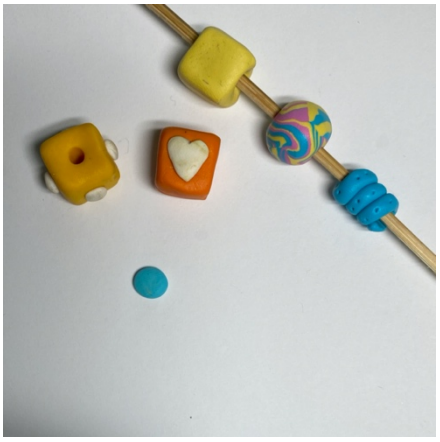


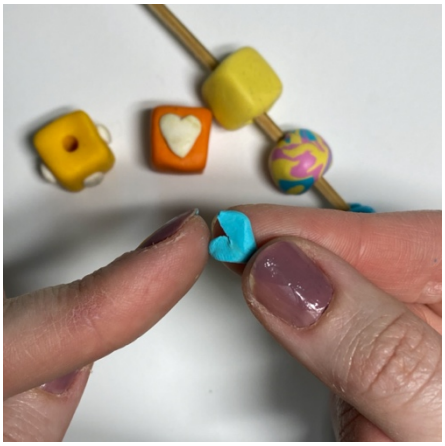


3. The last bead we'll learn is a cube! Start with a ball and then pinch it with both hands (see if you can make your fingers look like mine in the picture) at the same time. Then you'll rotate it and pinch again, continuing until you have a nice cube! Then carefully put it on the stick using the twisting method.

You could add dots or any number of cool patterns to your beads, let me show you how to make an easy heart. Start with a tiny ball and squish it flat to the table. Use your pincher fingers to pinch a triangle, making the bottom of the heart. Then use your skewer to cut the two humps of the heart apart-use your fingers to soften the points, and there you have it!



*** Be sure to read your clay's baking directions**, each brand is unique! Bake by laying skewer across the sides of a baking tray or pie pan (so you have no flat sides). If you have air dry clay, just follow drying directions. Then you can string the beads and give mom some love she can wear!

