

Father's Day Tangle Pen

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Make Dad a handmade, refillable pen with a sophisticated “tangle” pattern that he’ll treasure for years to come. Bic Stick pen casings are inexpensive, safe for baking and refillable with this easy project.

What You’ll Need:

- 3 colors of polymer clay – Brown, Black and White were used
- Bic Stick Pen
- Pliers
- Clay Scraper or other cutting tool that isn’t too sharp
- Clay dedicated pasta machine or a deck of Playing Cards
- Smooth tile to work and bake on

Step 1. Twist (don’t pull!) the pen cartridge out using pliers. You might get an adult to help you with this step.

Step 2. After squeezing the clay for a few minutes to condition it, flatten with your hands and roll between two stacks of 4 playing cards or through the 4th largest setting of a pasta machine made for polymer clay.

Step 3. Use a clay scaper to cut the clay sheet as long as the pen barrel and wide enough to wrap around the pen.

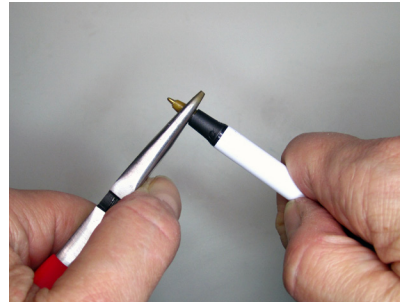
Step 4. Wrap the clay over the pen barrel and cut away any extra with the clay scraper. Roll the pen on the tile until the seam blends together.

Step 5. Roll small balls of black and white clay into very long, thin snakes and place them over the barrel, twisting and turning them to create a wavy pattern. Roll the snakes into the clay background after adding one or two. Keep repeating with more snakes until you are happy with the pattern.

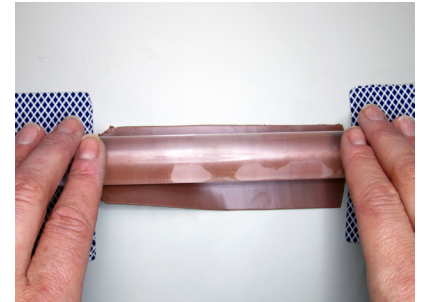
Step 6. Blend clay over the closed end of the pen and cut away any extra from the tip. Bake the pen on a piece of paper on top of the tile in a preheated oven set to the temperature on the clay package for 30 minutes.

Step 7. Push the pen cartridge back in place when the pen is cool.

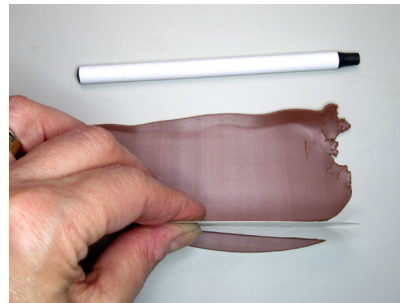
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