

POLYMER CLAY

4-H Project Proficiency

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1. Why do you have to be careful when baking polymer clay? What precautions do we take in the baking process?

2. Explain what "condition the clay" means and why it's important.

3. Demonstrate how to make the following basic shapes:

 - Sheet of clay
 - Ball
 - Teardrop
 - Log
 - Snake
4. Describe or demonstrate how to marble two or more colors of clay.

5. Explain the purpose of sanding and buffing baked clay. What is the most important safety precaution to take when sanding polymer clay?

6. What is "caning"?

7. Demonstrate how to make one of the following canes:

 - Banner
 - Bulls eye
 - Feather
 - Striped
 - Pinwheel
 - Checkerboard
 - Citrus
 - Simple flower
 - Jellyroll/spiral
 - Cutter
 - Extruder
 - Lace
 - Millefiori
8. Describe how patterns (or templates) are used with clay.

9. Name two different types of clay and tell how they are different.

10. Explain how a pasta machine is used with polymer clay and why it has become the most popular tool to use with this medium.

11. Demonstrate how to make one of the following types of beads:

 - Round
 - Tube
 - Drop
12. Do you prefer caning, sculpting, or covering and decorating vessels? Why?

13. Explain how to "stamp" clay and why a "release agent" is important.

14. What is an "inclusion"? Name one item that could be used as an inclusion.

15. Name three items that could be used to texture the surface of clay.

16. Exhibit your polymer clay work at a county event, craft show, or fair.

Member Name: _____ Date: _____

Project Leader's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Certificate of Achievement

This certifies that

*has completed the Polymer Clay Proficiency
in Tehama County.*

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