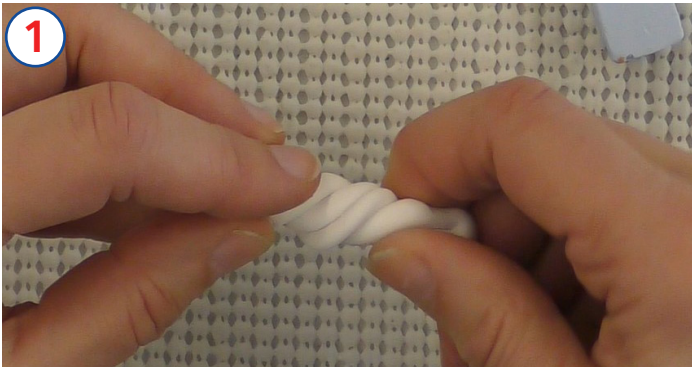


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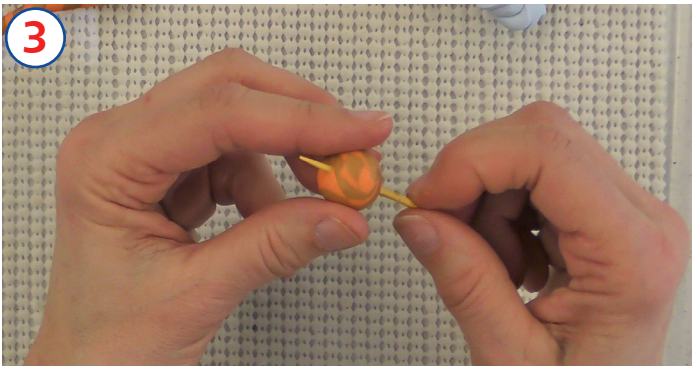
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Condition your clay. If your workspace is a wooden surface, find something made of plastic or glass to protect the surface. Starting with white or the lightest color in your kit, rub the clay between your hands to create warmth and flexibility in the clay. Roll a thin snake, fold it on itself, and twist. Condition all of your colors before starting your first bead. When done, wipe your work surface with a paper towel to remove color residue.



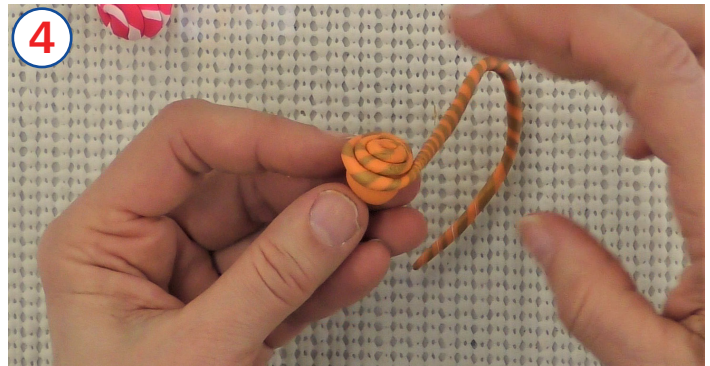
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Make an owl bead! Using your Owl Bead Template, form shapes with corresponding colors of clay, and place them on the template to check the size of your shapes. Follow the directions on the Template to form a ball, oval, or cone shape, and attach as directed. When attaching different elements, give them a soft pull to see that they're attached fully. Finally, when each shape is attached to form your owl, push and twist your toothpick through the middle to create the hole that transforms this owl in to a bead.



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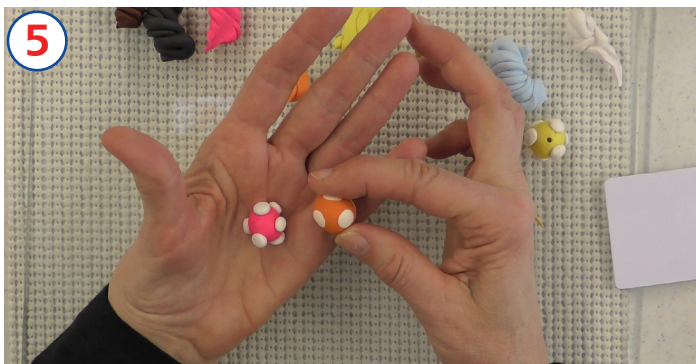
Marbled bead: Wipe your work surface before starting with new colors, and choose two colors for your marbled bead. Take half of each color of clay and roll both of them into individual snakes, then combine them. Twist the snake by holding one end of the snake and pull the other end gently toward you. If the snake breaks, simply stick the broken ends together and roll it into a snake again. Cut the snake in half, and roll one half into a ball shape in your palms. Use the toothpick to poke a hole in the center of the bead, remembering to twist the toothpick while pushing.



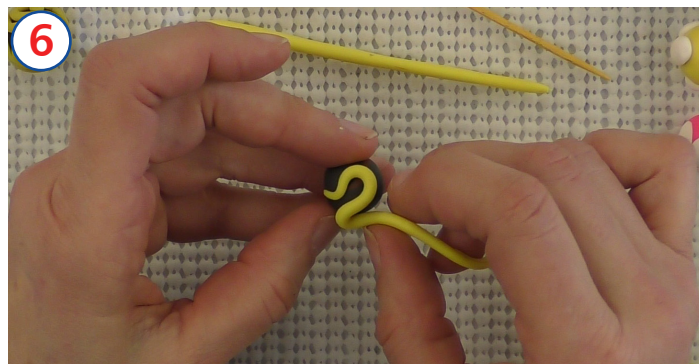
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Yarn-ball bead: Using the second half of the twisted snake, and a pea-shaped ball of clay using one of the colors included in your snake, form a bead that looks like a ball of yarn. Roll the snake so it has an even thickness. Press one end of the snake on to the pea-shaped ball, and wrap the snake around the outside of the ball. Gently roll to make sure all parts are stuck together. Use the toothpick to poke a hole in the bead.

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5 Polka-dot bead: Choose two colors, and roll beads with each of them. Next, choose the color you want for your polka dots – white works well! Roll a snake with that color, keeping the thickness even, and use your card to cut into 6 equal pieces that will form your polka dots. Roll the separate pieces into small balls, and gently press them on to the larger bead. Repeat this for your second color. They can lay flat against the bead, or stick out. Gently roll the bead in your palms to make sure the dots stick to your bead. Poke a hole.



6 Squiggle beads: Choose two more colors for the base color of your bead – form large pea-shaped balls with these colors. Next, choose a color for your “squiggles”, and roll a long, thin snake with this color. Gently press the snake on your base beads, using your imagination to create a design of your own! Decide whether you want the secondary color to remain raised or pressed flat on the bead, and gently roll in your palms until it looks good to you. Use your toothpick to poke a hole.



7 Now it's time to bake your beads! Fold your piece of scratch paper like an accordion, with three different v-shaped sections to hold your beads separate from one another. Place the paper in an oven-safe dish and put your beads in the folds of your paper, keeping them from touching. With the help of an adult, bake for 45 minutes at 275 degrees Fahrenheit. When they're done baking and fully cooled off, you can use the string from your kit to create a bracelet, necklace, or keychain!

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*Materials in kit may differ from ones pictured.

