# Polymer Clay Pin

**Materials:**

3 colors of polymer clay

3 sizes of cutters of the same shape

Adhesive pin back

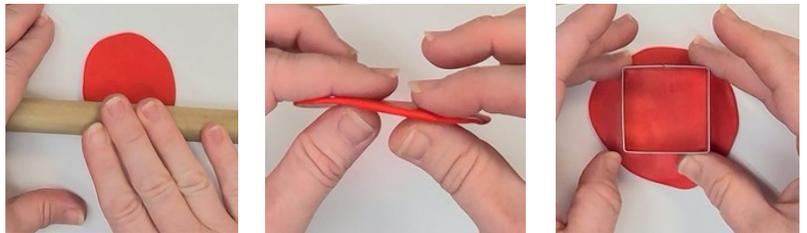Piece of card stock (for work surface and baking)

**You will need to provide something to roll out the clay. Do NOT use anything that will come in contact with food!**

**Instructions:**

1. Knead the clay until it becomes soft and easily workable. Make sure to wipe off your hands in between colors to avoid mixing them.
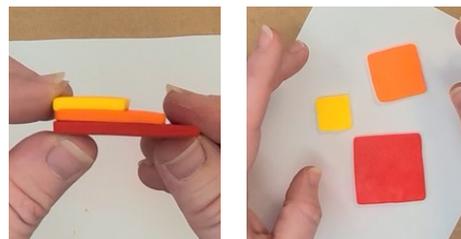
2. Decide which colors are going to be in each layer. Roll out the background color on the cardstock until it is about 1/8" thick. Lift it off the cardstock so that it is not sticking. Lay it back down & use the largest cutter to cut out the shape. Make sure to use the skinny edge of the cutter on the clay & press your fingers to the thicker edge.
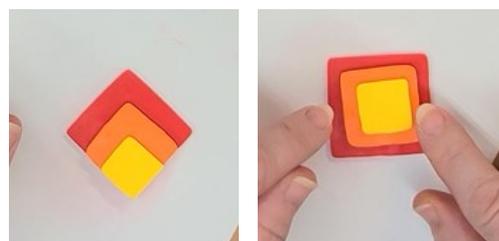
3. Set the cut shape aside, and put the rest of the clay back in the bag. Make sure that there is no remaining clay on the piece of cardstock.

4. Repeat for each color. You can make the other 2 layers thinner if you want the pin to be less 3-dimensional. Making all 3 layers 1/8" thick will result in a very thick pin.



5. Decide how you want to layer the 3 shapes together - with all layers centered or offset. When you decide, press the layers together GENTLY. Do not push hard enough to distort the clay or leave fingerprints.



6. Preheat your oven to 275°. Bake for 15 minutes for every 1/4" (2/8") thickness of clay. My pin ended up 3/8" thick, so I baked it for 22 minutes. Gently remove the cardstock from the oven and let it cool to room temperature before you try to handle the clay. (If you are using a different clay than is in the kit, follow the baking instructions on your clay.)

7. When the clay is cool, remove it from the cardstock. Remove the paper from the adhesive pin back and gently press it to the back of the clay shape.



8. Wear and enjoy!