

Idit Zoota's "No Background" Cane Reducing Technique

Supplies

Cane

Play-Doh®

or other Water Soluble Clay (see recipe on page 3)

Scrap Clay

Clay Blade

Creative Claying with Yonat Dascalu
~ Play-Doh® Reducing Trick ~



This flower cane is packed with translucent clay. If you slice it thinly, the background will seem to disappear, showing only the flower on the object you add it to. The trouble

is, it is hard to slice that thinly. This problem is solved using this fun new technique idea by Idit Zoota!

Yonat demonstrates, in the video, that by lining the cane with a thin sheet of water soluble clay, such as Play-Doh®, before packing it, you can easily remove the packing after you reduce the cane, leaving a shaped cane with no background to worry about.

For a flower with uniform petals, you could reduce a single petal cane and slice individual petals instead of making a whole flower cane.



The problem there is you have the tedious job of adding each individual petal and the flower's center to your project.



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With Idit's method, you can make odd shaped canes, such as this rose, without a background.

Using previous methods, you would have to pack this cane with either blue to match the background or with translucent and be sure you sliced it thin enough to see through.



* Note: If you are allergic to any of the ingredients in Play-Doh®, please try the recipe at the end of this tutorial to make your own dough to use for this technique.

1. Begin by making a cane.



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2. Make a narrow, water soluble strip of clay by running it through the pasta machine at the 4th largest setting (PM4). Check to make sure the strip is as wide as the cane you are wanting to wrap.

3. Trim one end and wrap this strip around your cane.

4. Pinch off the excess clay.

5. Prepare shaped logs of clay to fit into the valleys of your cane. With this great technique, you can use scrap clay to pack your cane.

6. Begin pressing the shaped packing strips in place. Trim off the excess after you add each piece of packing clay.

7. Continue adding packing strips until you have gone all the way around your cane, filling in all the valleys, trimming the excess as you go.



8. Prepare a strip of clay.

9. Add the strip to finish the outside of the cane, making it a log you can reduce.

10. Trim the excess of this final strip and begin reducing your cane.

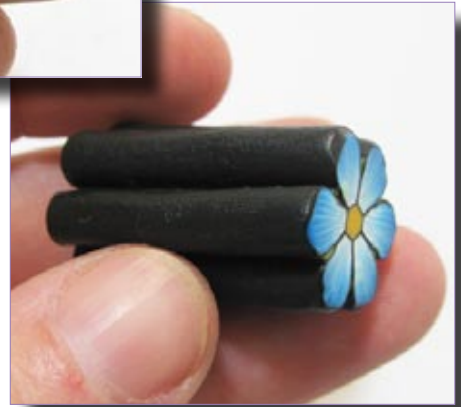
11. When you have your cane reduced to the size you want, cut a section to work with.

12. This is where the water soluble clay works to your advantage. It doesn't stick to the polymer clay so the packing clay is easy to remove.



13. Peel away all the packing clay to reveal your nicely shaped and reduced cane.

14. Use a brush and water to rinse away any bits of water soluble clay that may have been left behind.



15. Continue gently brushing until all the bits are washed away.

Thanks go to Idit Fischer Kats, "Idit Zoota" for this wonderful Technique and Yonat Dascalu

for filming it!

Be sure to take a look at Idit's wonderful clay creations...

www.flickr.com/photos/zoota

Visit

www.artbyyonat.polyclayplay.com/ to view the second part of this video. You can also view/print these instructions including the recipe mentioned for those allergic to wheat or other components in Play-Doh®.

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Water Soluble Clay Recipe

1/2 Cup Rice Flower
1/2 Cup Cornstarch
1/2 Cup Salt
1 Teaspoons Cream of Tartar
1 Cup Water
1 Teaspoon Cooking Oil

Recipe by Kate
<http://organicodysseys.blogspot.com/>



The Video Tutorial for this cane is coming soon to the Poly Clay Play Artists Corner!