

Ladybug Paperclip

Supplies for 1 Jumbo Ladybug Paperclip

Clay

1/4 block red clay 1/4 block black clay

Cutters

3/8" circle cutter 3/16" circle cutter

Misc.

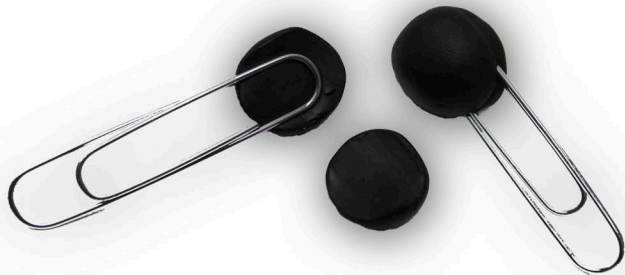
Black 20 gauge wire (2" piece)

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Tip: For smaller ladybug paperclips, substitute smaller paperclips and smaller circle cutters but follow the same instructions.



1. Condition black clay and roll out 1/8" thick sheet (largest pasta machine setting).
2. Cut 3 large black clay circles and roll together to make the body. Cut the body in half. Sandwich the paperclip in between as shown. Smooth the edges and set aside.



3. For the antennae, fold a 2" piece of black wire in half. Using round-nosed pliers, curl the ends as shown.

4. Cut 1 large black clay circle and roll it into a ball for the head. Press the wire antennae into the head. You can use a clay shaper or your favorite tool to smooth the clay between each antenna. Set the head aside.

5. Cut three 3/16" circles from black clay rolled out 1/32" thick (#4 setting on the pasta machine). Cut each in half and roll into balls. These will be used for the six dots on the wings.

6. Condition red clay and roll out a 1/8" thick sheet. Cut a 3/8" circle. Cut this circle in half to make wings. Add three small balls to each half as shown.

7. Press the red wings to the black body making the top tips touch as shown. Press the head onto the body just covering the top of the wings.

8. Use a blunt tool and press two eyes into the head. Use the edge of the large circle cutter to gently press a smile below the eyes.

9. Bake your ladybug according to the clay package instructions. When your new ladybug paperclip has cooled, dip into Future Floor Finish or your favorite finish to give her a nice shine. Find a bunch of papers and put this little cutie to work!



Baking Tip

Use a Binder clip to hold the ladybug up while baking. It's also great to hold the ladybug when you dip her in the finish and then to hold it to dry.