

Rose Glass Charms

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Supplies

Clay: Green and color of your choice for roses

Small circle cutter

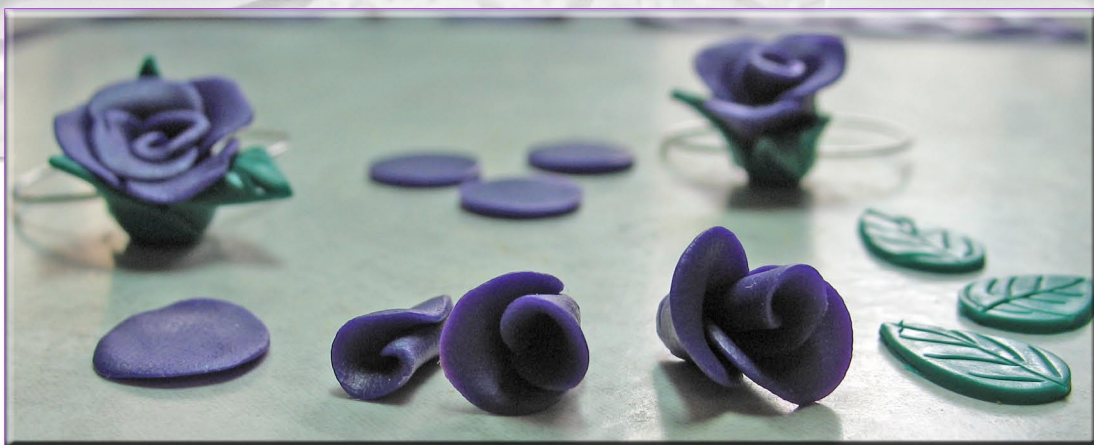
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Various Beads to compliment your flowers.

Pearl Ex Powders (optional)

Needle nose pliers

Wire Hoops (found in the jewelry craft department) For this project we used wires approx. 3/4" across.



Cut out small circles of clay for your rose petals. Gently press one side of each circle to slightly flatten the tip of each petal. Start by rolling a petal making the flattened edge at the top. Gently curl the flattened edge to shape the petal slightly outward. Take another circle and press it to the first petal overlapping the side edge. Curl the edge and continue adding petals in this manner until your flower is the size you want.

Cut out an uneven number of leaves and using a needle tool, draw veins in each leaf. Place them around the bottom of your flower with the veins facing the flower. Gently curl the leaves outward.

If desired, using a small paint brush, dust each petal and leaf with Pearl Ex Powder to give an iridescent shine.

Press a wire hoop through each flower base. Gently press your flower on your work surface making the bottom flat so that it will lay nicely and show your beautiful piece when it is on your glass.

Bake the flowers with the hoop inserted following the clay package directions

After your roses have cooled, gently twist each flower to loosen it from the wire. Varnish if desired. When dry, gently slide the rose off the wire. Add an odd number of beads, add your rose then add the same number of beads following the same pattern to each hoop. When you are happy with your designs, using pliers, gently bend the end of each wire hoop up so it will slip into the circle on the other end. This will keep your beads from coming off.

