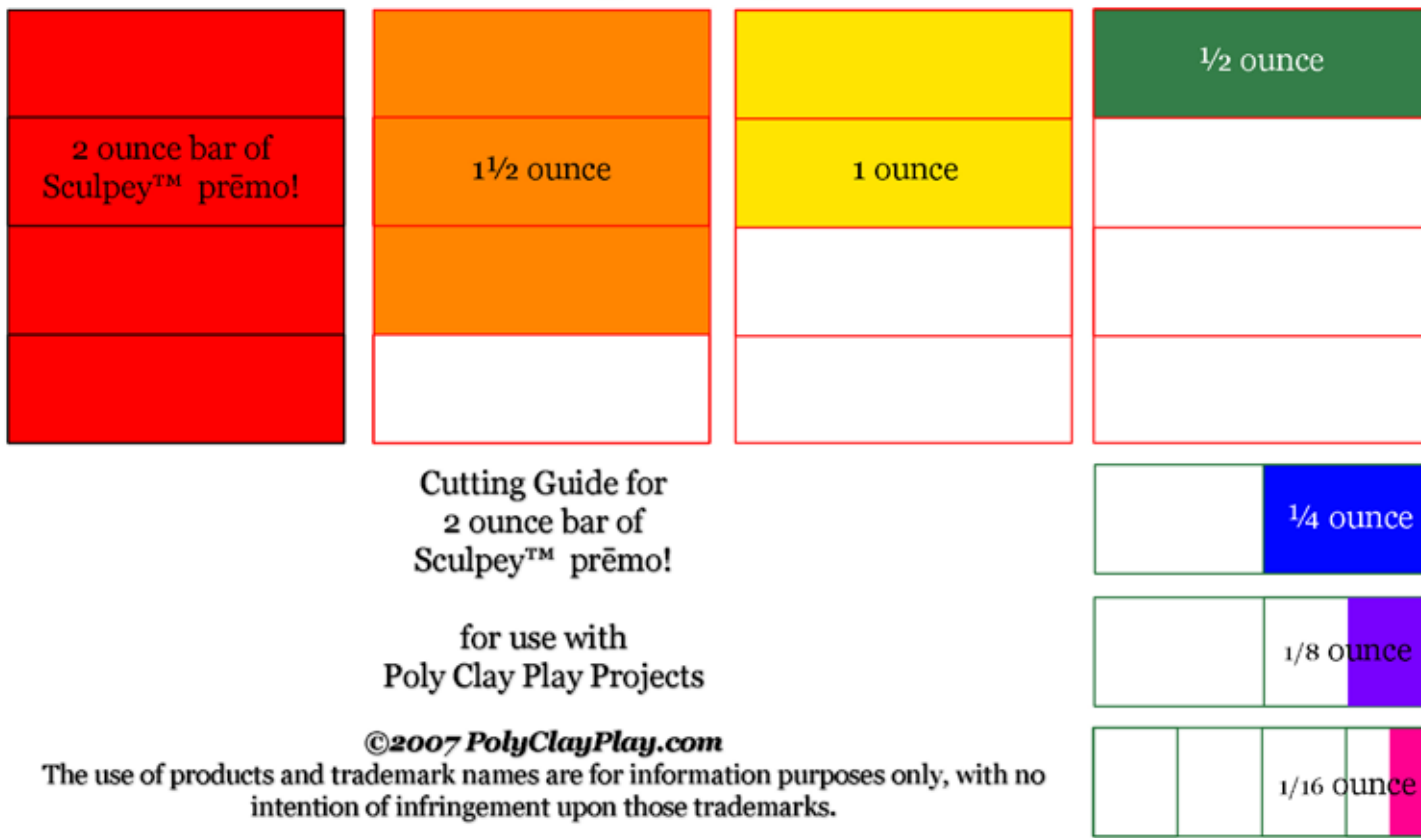


Clay Cutting & Conditioning Guide



General Information

I use Sculpey™ prēmo! for all of my projects. I like the consistency. It is a firm clay but is easy to condition. I also like that it is one of the stronger clays after baking.

1. To use this guide, follow the indentation lines that are already on the clay straight from the package.
2. When I get down to the smaller cuts (i.e. 1/4 ounce and below), I usually just “eyeball” it.
3. I use a clay blade to make my cuts and a pasta machine to condition my clay.

Conditioning

It is very important to condition your clay well! If you don't, your clay can be brittle after baking, ruining all your hard work if it breaks!

Clay has a plasticizer in it to make it workable. When the clay sits, it can start to separate.

1. To condition my clay, I cut the amount I want to use and then from that I cut it down to 1/2 ounce pieces or smaller.

2. I roll these pieces with my hands to start the conditioning process. Next, I press the pieces flat enough to go through my pasta machine at the largest setting. I start running them through adding them together (if there is more than one piece), as I go until I have one piece.
3. I continue to condition the piece, using lower settings as I go to about PM4 (pasta machine setting 4 or 4th from the largest) on my machine, until it is well mixed and soft enough to work with.
4. If the clay is sticky, I let it sit for a little...

...Then the fun begins!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me!

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