



CRAFTING IDEA

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Kneading-cement ball with flowers



Used items:

33 006 00	Styrofoam-ball 12 cm	1 pc
34 211 000	Creative kneading-cement	500 g
86 198 00	Set of metallic cookie cutters	1 pc
38 642 606	Hotfix-rivet	2 pcs

Additionally you need:

Disposable plastic gloves, cling film, container for kneading of the cement (e.g. bowl with lid), container with water, brush, stable support e.g. the lid of a plastic bucket, rolling pin (item 61 069 00), modelling tool (item 34 026 00), PET spray bottle (item 38 798 000), metallic spatula (item 38 031 00)

Instructions:

1 Firstly, prepare your workplace along with all required materials and tools. Prepare also 2 pieces of the cling film about 30 cm long and put the gloves on (always wear the gloves while working!).

2 Mix the cement (500g) with water in the ratio 9:1 (9 parts of cement : 1 part of water). This corresponds to about 55 ml. Stir the water slowly, gradually add it while constantly kneading. Knead the crumbly mixture with damp disposable gloves (if necessary, moisten several times) until the desired consistency is achieved.

Hint You can mix also, quickly and easily, the kneading-cement in a sealable container. Here also add the water gradually by stirring it constantly, then close the container and shake it well. That way there is less dust and the parts intermix perfectly. Knead more afterwards the crumbly mixture with wet disposable gloves (if necessary, moisten several times) until the mixture is malleable.

3 Lay the kneading-cement mixture between two pieces of the cling film. Roll out the kneading-cement with the rolling pin on the cling film until you achieve about 4 mm thickness.

4 Take off the the upper piece of foil and place centrally the styrofoam-ball onto the rolled-out cement-mixture. By using the lower foil, put the cement-mixture around the styrofoam-ball. Take off the foil and lay the surplus cement-mixture aside for the flower.

5 Now you can sculpt the ball with uniform stroking movements by hands until the kneading-cement mixture covers uniformly and smoothly the entire ball. Stroke and rotate the ball with your hands so long until the cement in some way hardens.

6 Dab off afterwards the ball with a paper towel (so that the ball loses moisture and



therefore remains dimensionally stable) and lay it aside on a base.

7 Take the remaining part of the kneading-cement mixture, lay it again between the two foil pieces and roll it also out with the rolling pin until you achieve about 2-3 mm thickness.

Hint The cement mixture should be smooth and easily malleable. If the cement is crackly during kneading, just sprinkle it with some water.

8 Bend the oval cookie cutter by hand to a flowering/drop shape. Remove the upper foil and cut out nine blossoms by using the already prepared cookie cutter.

9 The punched-out motifs can be carefully removed from the foil by using a spatula and then laid down onto the ball and carefully pressed against it. Work swiftly to avoid that the kneading-cement becomes too dry.

10 With the modelling tool, you can now even carve flowers lines, ornaments and a stalk. You can decorate the flower and the flower stalk according to your desire with the glossy Hotfix-rivet which you just press into the wet cement.

11 Sculpt with the remaining cement a small leaf, lay it onto the flower stalk and press on it slightly, but firmly. The connection joints should be always damp, potentially work it out with a lightly moistened brush.

12 The entire drying period lasts for several days. After about 21 days the object is weatherproof.

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