

mixed media made easy

Terrific techniques to try using paper clay.

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Art that is molded, shaped, and formed into interesting pieces has always fascinated me.

How to take clay and add it to my paper crafting was especially of interest, so you can imagine my excitement when I discovered the versatility of paper clay! Let's look at a couple of simple and fun uses I discovered while playing with paper clay.

ABOUT PAPER CLAY

Paper clay is a modeling substance that can be shaped and molded. It's lightweight and air dries making it the perfect material for creating embellishments for a multitude of craft projects.

DESIGN TIP: The black and white photograph is hard to miss even though there are all sorts of colourful goodies on this page. Your eye probably traveled from the photo to the snowflakes to the title. That's good design!

TECHNIQUE TIP: Use stamps and paper clay to create interesting, dimensional, and lightweight embellishments.



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TECHNIQUE TIP: Experiment with colours and mediums by using inks, paints, or markers. That's the fun of the creative process! If it fails, you can try again, but you might discover something AWESOME! That's why we call it experimenting.

STEP-BY-STEP



1 Roll out clay using a brayer or rolling pin on a sheet of wax paper or a craft mat to about 1/4 inch thick. Stamp sentiment in the clay and cut it out using a straight edge (like a metal ruler). Allow clay to completely dry following the manufacturer's instructions.



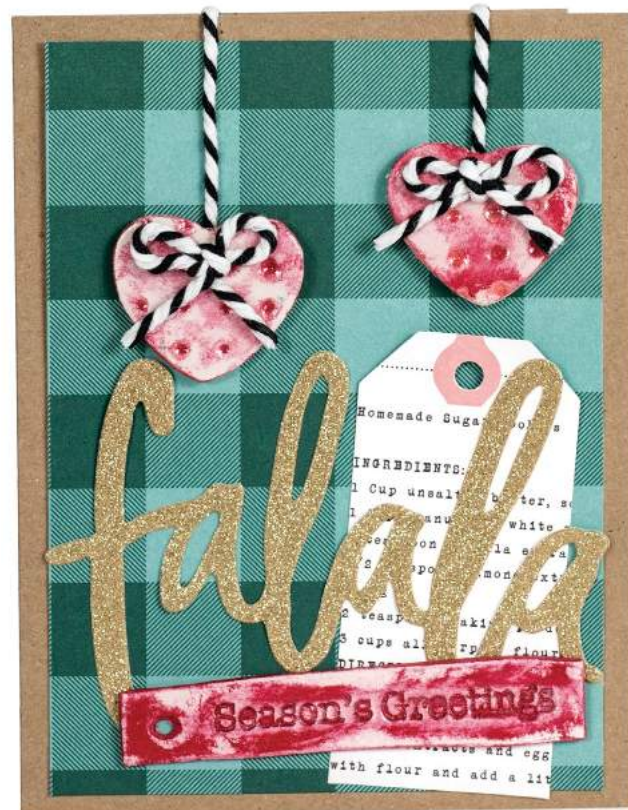
2 Once dry, sand the edges of your creation with a nail file and add paint.



3 Seal the finished piece with glaze.

TECHNIQUE TIP: Use cookie cutters with paper clay, and you'll be hooked.

So many shapes await your creativity!



TECHNIQUE TIP: Accentuate your paper clay creations with twine. Heck, you waited awhile for those babies to dry, so you better make sure they get noticed!

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