

THE MINITIME MACHINE PRESENTS

HOW TO

A SERIES OF
PROJECTS FOR
THE BEGINNING
MINIATURE MAKER

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Materials and Supplies:

Polymer clay in pale yellow

craft paint: burnt umber, dark blue, dark red, yellow, clear glaze

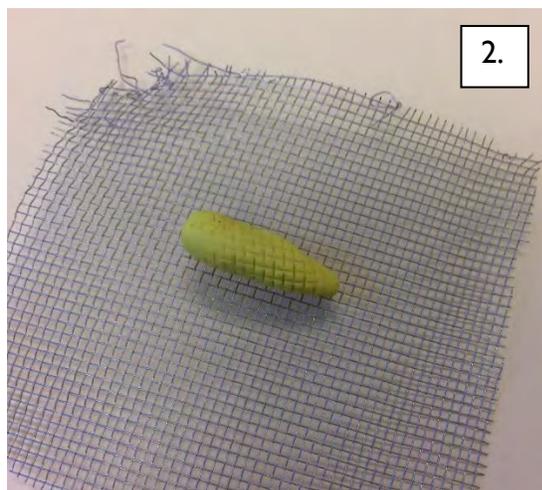
scrap of mesh screen, available at hardware stores

natural colored raffia

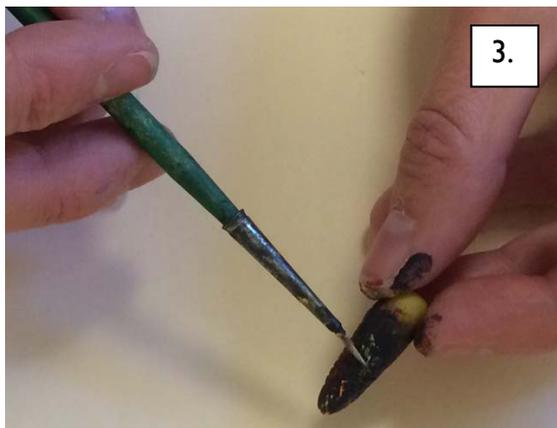
cream colored heavy thread

Tacky glue, scissors, small paint brush, ruler

Instructions:



1. Role a peanut-size ball of pale yellow polymer clay into a tube tapering one end to form the shape of an ear of corn. See illustration 1. We made five ears of corn.
2. Roll the “corn” over the mesh screen to create indents that look like corn kernels. See illustration 2.
3. Bake you polymer corn following the package instructions.



4. Mix blue and burnt umber paint to create a dark bluish-brown. Once the polymer clay is cool, apply the dark yellow, bluish-brown and dark red paint to the ears of corn layering the colors. Use a dry-brush technique and don't worry about cleaning your brush in between colors. See illustration 3.
5. Allow the paint to dry, then coat each ear of corn with the acrylic glaze. Set to dry.

Now you will create the dried cornhusk.

6. Cut two 4” lengths of raffia for each ear of corn. To create the illusion of the corn husk coming down the sides of the corn, apply Tacky glue to the wide end of the ear of corn and along two opposite sides. Attach the raffia strip over the

glue and hold it tight until the glue sets. Trim the ends of the raffia to a point. See illustration 4.



7. Apply glue along the back side of the corn and over the raffia covered end. Attach the second piece of raffia along the glued side and over the top. Pull the tail of the raffia up. This tail will be used to hang the ear of corn together with the other ears of corn forming a swag. See illustration 5.
8. Repeat steps 6 and 7 with remaining ears of corn. Then gather the ears of corn together and using a piece of heavy thread, tie the raffia tails together to form a swag.