

THE MINITIME MACHINE PRESENTS

HOW TO

A SERIES OF
PROJECTS FOR
the beginning
miniature maker

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Materials and Supplies:

paint brush (Be sure all the bristles are white or cream)

scissors

Tacky glue

silver polymer clay

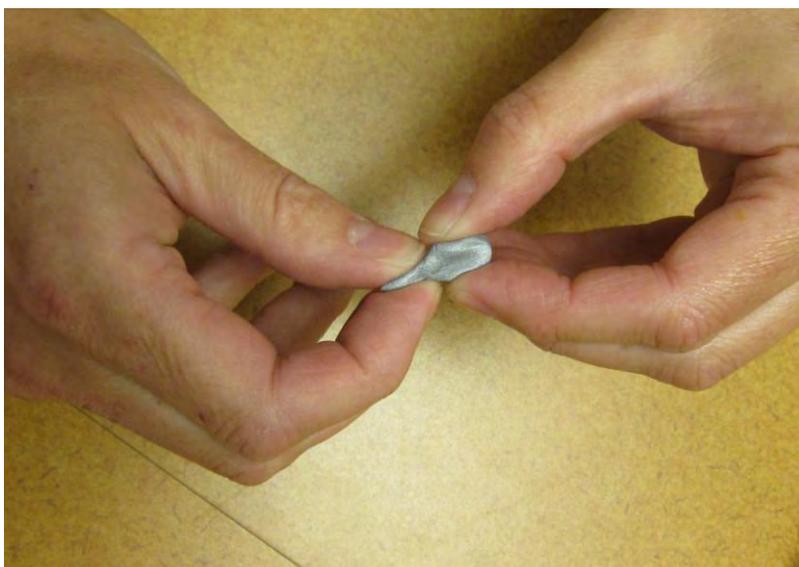
rolling pin

tear drop shaped cutter (approximately 1" from tip to bottom of tear drop.) NOTE: You can find this cutter in the polymer clay tools section of craft stores or use a cutter that can be found with cake decorating supplies.)

polymer clay extruder fitted with "spaghetti hole" disk

3/4" round mirrors

Instructions:



Apply Tacky glue to the top bristles of your paint brush. Be sure to cover an area approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ " x $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Set your paint brush to the side and let the glue dry.

Roll out a small slab of polymer clay slightly more than $\frac{1}{8}$ " thick. Cut out two teardrop shapes. Take one teardrop shape and gently pull the tip downward pinching it slightly near the middle to form a $\frac{1}{2}$ " handle for your brush. At the same time shape the rounded end of the piece into an elongated rectangle approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide and $\frac{5}{8}$ " long. See illustration 2. This will be the handle of your brush.

Flatten the rounded portion of the second teardrop with your rolling pin until it is slightly bigger in diameter than your mirror. Position the mirror on top of the clay and gently push the mirror into the clay. Smooth the clay around the outside edge of the mirror.



Use the clay extruder to extrude round tubes of clay. Wrap one tube of clay around the edge of the mirror trim the tail and smooth the clay. See illustration 3.

Once the glue on the paintbrush bristles is dry trim off the bristles about $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the glue. Position the glued side of the bristles on the top portion of the brush handle and gently press the bristles into the clay.

Bake your mirror and brush following polymer clay package directions.