



Sculpey Metallic Look Coasters

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These quick and easy coasters make a dramatic, but useful look on your table. Or make some as gifts!

Supplies:

- Premo Sculpey Accents Gold, Silver, Copper and Graphite clays – 2 packages each
 - Clay Conditioning Machine (pasta machine)
 - Sculpey Acrylic roller
 - Large circle cutter
 - Extruder – I used a Makins green Professional extruder with Global Studios Power Adapter and a cordless drill (extruder and adapter available from www.lindasartspot.com)
1. If you haven't set up your extruder and adaptor, just follow the directions that come with the adaptor. Place the adaptor/extruder assembly into the drill and set aside.
 2. Cut one package of the first color into thirds and roll through the clay conditioning machine on the second to widest setting. Roll each third through the machine separately. Stack the pieces together and continue to roll through until the clay sheet becomes flexible. Fold the sheet one more time and set the machine on the widest setting and roll through. Check to see if you have enough room for your cutter (but don't cut the clay yet!). Set aside.
 3. Repeat Step 1 with the second block of clay, but roll the clay sheet through on the second widest setting for the final roll.
 4. Stack the two sheets together. Remove any excess clay on the corners, leaving enough area for the cutter! Roll this excess clay up into a cylinder of clay that is smaller in diameter to the barrel of the extruder.

5. Reverse the drill to pull out the barrel of the extruder so you can put the clay into it. Place the clay into the barrel of the extruder.
6. Select the die that has 7 round holes in it (I call it the daisy die because it looks like a flower). Put that into the screw top of the extruder and screw into place.
7. Put a clean sheet of paper down, set the drill to screw position and extrude the clay onto the sheet of paper. DO NOT EXTRUDE ALL THE WAY DOWN THE TO THE END OF THE EXTRUDER! Leave a couple of screw threads in between so that you don't strip the threads.
8. Gently remove an extruded piece of clay and coil it onto the two layers of clay. Repeat with the other pieces.
9. Use the acrylic roller to gently press the extruded coils of clay into place and make a flat surface on the top of the clay.
10. Use the cutter to cut out your coaster and you are ready to bake! Set the coaster aside until you have repeated these steps to make your set of coasters.
11. Bake according to the package directions for 30 minutes in a preheated oven at 275 degrees. I prefer to bake on cardboard or smooth ceramic tiles.