Polymer Clay Tools Scavenger Hunt List

Below is a list of some every day household items that can be used to shape and texture polymer clay. Important: Be sure that any tool you use is dedicated for clay only, and not re-used with food.

Assorted household items that can be used as tools:

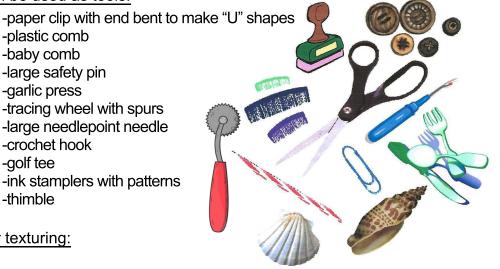
-toothpicks -paper clip with el -empty pen shaft -plastic comb -knitting needle -baby comb -textured buttons -large safety pin -popsicle stick -garlic press

-drinking straw -tracing wheel with spurs -small cookie cutters (open cutters) -large needlepoint needle

-seam ripper with small ball on it -crochet hook -plastic silverware -qolf tee

-empty core from a roll of adding -ink stamplers with patterns

machine tape -thimble



Other objects that can be used for texturing:

-leather
-sandpaper
-lace
-textured fabric
-coins
-keys
-seashells
-tree bark

-rubber stamps -a piece of nylon netting

-window screen

-plastic embroidery canvas

Tools you can make:

-Cornstarch in a piece of cotton cloth tied with a rubber band. This makes an easy way to dust molds for easy clay impression removal. POLYMER CLAY BAKING TIMES (per 1/4 inch thickness)

Sculpey – 15 min. @ 275° (130° C) Fimo – 30 min. @ 230° (110° C) Premo – 30 min. @ 275° (130° C)

Sculpey Eraser Clay – 20 min. @ 250° (121° C)

Sculpey Bendy – 20 min. @ 285° (140° C)

Check the package – some clays may vary in temperature.

- -From the hardware store, in the nuts and bolts section, look for odd-shaped pieces such as a circle with spikes. Add a handle to it out of clay. After the clay is baked, snap the handle off and re-attach it with E-6000.
- -Texturing tools can also be made from odd-shaped buttons, costume jewelry, or any other type of semi-flat object that will impress a nice texture into the clay.

A large screw/bolt with the head cut off and sanded down can be rolled onto the clay to make really cool texures. The hardware store can help you remove the head.

-Take a paper clip and a pair of pliers. With a pair of pliers, grab the end of the paperclip that has the largest "U" shape. Now bend just the "U" shape at a right angle. Now the paper clip can be used to make "U" shaped texturing. (great for dragon scales)

-A sewing pin that has a small ball on it makes a great tool for creating holes and i ndentations. Roll a tube of clay for a handle., then push the sharp end of the pin into it till the ball of the pink is about 1/2 inch from the clay tube. Bake as directed.