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Creative tip FIMO „Rose lanterns“



These lovely rose lanterns, which can also be used as small vases, together with the rose serviette rings, matching place card holders and string of mini roses give your dinner table a truly romantic touch. A lovely surprise for your guests!

Material



1 glass, 1 pack each of FIMO soft raspberry (22) and transparent orange (404), 1 glass plate or tile to work on, 1 rubber roller or bottle for rolling the FIMO out with (it's even easier if you use a pasta machine!), 1 craft knife, a number of wooden sticks and several transparent sleeves for placing the objects on. Additional material for the rose table decorations: 1 pack of FIMO soft raspberry (22), electrical wire in matching colour, thin silver wire.

Step 1



Cut the FIMO blocks in half. Then cut the halved blocks again diagonally using the cutter (see illustration).

Place one triangle of one colour on top of one of the other colour, making sure they don't overlap completely - as shown. (Warm the triangles in your hand beforehand!). Now roll out these triangles into a flat sheet using the roller, a bottle or pasta machine. In order to achieve a smooth transition of colours from orange to pink fold the rolled out sheet of FIMO lengthwise (orange on orange, pink on pink) and roll out again in a lengthwise direction. Repeat this process until you obtain the desired tone.

Step 2



Roll out the sheet of FIMO until it is wide enough to cover the height of the glass. Then roll out until it is long enough to be wrapped around the glass. The final thickness of the sheet should be approx. 1 mm. It is easier for beginners to make shorter strips which can be placed next to each other on the glass. Cut off overlapping pieces using the knife and smooth out the edges. If using a conical-shaped glass, position the sheet of FIMO around the glass, gently smooth it down, press any overlapping folds together and then remove using the cutter. Here too, smooth out the edges using your fingers. To finish off, go over the whole glass again using the roller to ensure a really smooth surface.

Step 3



For the rose decorations on the lantern, roll the left-over pieces of the raspberry-coloured FIMO soft into a cane approx. 6-7 mm in diameter. For each rose, you need to cut 7 x 1 mm thick slices off the roll - these are the individual petals. Flatten the edges of each of the petals and then put them together to form a flower working from the inside to the out as shown. To make larger roses for decorating your table with, form the flowers in the same way, but use more - and larger - petals. Gently press the finished roses along the top edge of your lantern, leaving an equal amount of space between them. Then smooth out the base of the flower onto the FIMO on the lantern, so that the roses are properly attached and don't fall off after hardening. This can be done using a small wooden stick.

Step 4



Preheat your oven to 130°C, place your finished FIMO glass on the middle shelf and harden in the oven for 30 minutes. After hardening, remove the glass from the oven and leave to cool at room temperature. Tips and tricks: If, after covering your glass with the sheet of FIMO, you find any air bubbles, simply prick them open using the knife and smooth out the cut using your fingers.

How to make rose table decorations

Using raspberry-coloured FIMO soft, make the roses as shown on the previous pages. For the larger roses for the serviette rings and for the place card holders roll the FIMO into a 1.6 cm thick cane and cut off approx. 1.5 mm thick slices for the petals. For the roses for the place card holders, you need to make a hole in the middle of the flower using a wooden stick for inserting the card holder wire into later.

Make sure that these roses have a flat base and can stand well on their own! For the serviette rings, you need to make a hole in the back of the roses. Also, for each serviette ring you need to make 3 leaves and then put them together, placing one on top of the other like a fan. In order to be able to attach to the serviette ring wire later, a small cane of FIMO with a hole in it (made using a wooden stick) should be attached to the back of this fan of leaves.

You also need to make a small hole through the stems of the roses for the rose chain so that the silver wire can be threaded through later to join the individual roses together to form a chain. Use a thin wire to make these holes! After hardening in the oven (at 130 °C for 30 minutes) leave the objects to cool. For the serviette ring, stick the FIMO pieces to the spiral-shaped wire using all-purpose glue.

Tip:

The wire, bent into shape for holding the place cards, is also simply glued into place in the finished rose. For the rose chain, the small flowers need to be threaded onto a thin piece of silver-coloured wire. Wrap around each of the roses again with the wire once threading it through the hole so that they can't slip out of place.

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