

Creative tip FIMO soft „Sweet tins“



A cute storage idea for sweets or other bits and bobs. With the particularly soft FIMO SOFT modelling material (from Eberhard Faber) you can turn cheap bottling jars into original gift items. The chickens, chicks and cockerel are made in a series of simple, easy-to-follow steps!

Material



One pack each of FIMO SOFT in the colours white (0), tangerine (42), Indian red (24), yellow (16) and raspberry (22). Two packs of FIMO SOFT in apple green (50), FIMO gloss varnish and - if required - modelling tools (no. 8711). You will also need 1 rubber roller, 1 ceramic tile or a couple of transparent sleeves for rolling out and placing objects on, 1 knife, several small wooden sticks and two bottling jars with removable lids.

Step 1



On our photo, from left to right, you can see how a cockerel is made. Cut the tangerine-coloured FIMO block into quarters and make an egg shape out of one of them for the body.

For the wings, divide $\frac{1}{2}$ block of the raspberry FIMO SOFT into 8 parts. Halve one of these pieces again and shape two balls out of it. Press the balls flat and, using the knife, cut two triangles out of each.

For the tail feathers make another ball of the same size but out of a mixture of the colours raspberry, tangerine and yellow.

The feet are made out of yellow FIMO. To make them, cut a half block of FIMO into eight pieces and then cut one of these again into four. Take two of these small pieces, roll a ball out of each and press flat. Just like with the wings, cut two triangles out of each and straighten out the rounded left and right sides. Using your fingers, shape the feet a little narrower.

For the yellow beak, use the same amount of FIMO as for one foot. First make a cone shape and then form it by pressing along the right and left sides using your thumb and index finger.

Step 2



Now all that remains to be done is to attach the parts firmly to the body. First fix the feet underneath the egg-shaped body. Attach the beak to the upper part of the body. Using a wooden stick, make a slit so that it looks like an opening in the beak. Press a little more firmly in the corners so that it looks like your cockerel is smiling! For the eyes, make two little holes above the beak using the wooden stick. The crest is made using several flattened tiny FIMO balls in India red. All that then remains to be done is to attach the wings and the tail to the body. Your cockerel is finished! A chicken is made in the same way. The only difference is that you use white FIMO SOFT for the body. The chicks are made in the same way too. Just use less FIMO SOFT.

Step 3



Now make the background for the lid. For this, roll 1 pack of apple green FIMO SOFT into a ball and roll out to an approx. 7 mm thick sheet. Place the sheet onto the outside of the jar lid to mark the size required. Carefully cut out using the knife.

Step 4



Once cut to size, lay the FIMO sheet in the recess of the jar lid and press down firmly. Now chicks, chickens and cockerels can romp around this green "meadow" to their heart's content. Always press on firmly!

Step 5



Your FIMO creation now needs to be hardened in the oven. Place the entire jar lid in a pre-heated oven at 130°C for 30 minutes. By using an oven thermometer, you can make sure that your oven reaches the required temperature. After cooling, you can lacquer all FIMO parts using FIMO gloss varnish. This makes colours more vibrant and parts less sensitive to dirt.

Tips and tricks:

If the FIMO lid decoration should come loose after hardening, simply stick it to the jar lid again using super-glue. Before using FIMO, wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water so that the light FIMO colours do not discolour during work. Before starting to use a new colour, wipe all equipment with a cloth.

FIMO is available in sales outlets in a wide variety of brilliant colours and also in effect colours such as granite, metallic or nightglow. All colours can be blended, are particularly easy to knead and absolutely safe, meaning that you can make these wonderful sweet jars with children from the age of 6 onwards.

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