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## Creative tip FIMO „Tiger-Eye-Vases“



Some FIMO soft in metallic colours can convert old glasses, vases, bowls, flower pots and much more into autumn highlights. A few very simple cutting techniques will create shimmering patterns with a tiger-eye effect, as inspired by the semi-precious tiger's-eye stone.

### Material



To achieve this tiger-eye effect, you will need FIMO soft in metallic silver (No. 81), gold (No. 11) or copper (No. 27). In addition, you will need some pottery or glass jars to coat. Some transparent plastic folders or a tile as a work surface, 1 cutter knife, 1 rubber roller or a glass bottle for rolling out (tip: using a pasta machine makes rolling out extra fast!), 1 ruler. You can also use shaped cutters to create the pattern.

## Step 1



Using the rubber roller or the glass bottle, roll out FIMO soft to a sheet of approx. 1 mm thickness on the transparent plastic folder. It's much quicker with the pasta machine. Now wrap this sheet around the jar of your choice: either by pressing the whole sheet onto it, or by cutting it into strips of about 3 cm with the cutter knife and by pressing the single strips against the jar. Stripe technique: to achieve a fine, shimmering striped effect, cut out strips of 2 mm from the rolled-out FIMO sheet with the cutter and ruler and arrange them side by side around the jar. Roll with the rubber roller until you get a smooth surface.

## Step 2



Pattern technique:

To make the patterns, roll out another FIMO soft block to a sheet of about 1 mm thickness. Cut out patterns, such as triangles and other geometrical figures, with the cutter knife. For this, you can also use mini baking cutters, or simply use your imagination. Then arrange the motives around the coated jar. The coating and the pattern may well have the same FIMO soft shade, but it will also look attractive if you combine the metallic shades.

### Step 3



Roll the coating and the arranged patterns with the rubber roller until you get a smooth surface - this is how the tiger-eye patterns are made.

### Step 4



Cut off the overlapping FIMO at the top and the bottom of the jar and straighten the edges using the cutter.

## Step 5



Now harden your finished FIMO jar in the pre-heated oven at 130°C for 30 minutes. It is a good idea to check the temperature with an oven thermometer (available at handicraft shops).

### Tips:

You can use any leftover FIMO soft to make gift tags, ornaments for flower arrangements, Christmas tree decorations, giveaways and various other objects. Attractive effects can be achieved by kneading together different metallic colours, rolling them out to a sheet of 4 to 5mm thickness, and cutting out stars, for example - you might like to start with real leaves, which are the perfect motif for autumn decorations.

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