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Hello,

I came across your article for July 2001 regarding mold making and you told how to create Push/Flex molds.

However it did not let me know exactly what RTV Silicone is, or where I could possibly purchase it.

Please let me know more about this product. Thank you for your time.

Thanks  
G.Nash

Dear G. Nash:

RTV silicone mold material is a substance that hardens to an elastic-y consistency which makes its good for mold-making.

One of the places you can purchase RTV silicone mold material is from [Toika Bridges](#).

Also you can order it from [Micro Mark](#) or [Denco Inc.](#)

Deirdre



Dear Polyzine:

I believe in June 2001, Bob Wiley did a mica shift faux wood grain technique for pcpolyzine - I had taken a class with him earlier and at that time I saw a polymer heart that he had made from polymer clay, using a rubber stamp from the S.A.R. company (some assembly required).

I would like to find the e-mail address for the S.A.R. company so I can purchase a stamp to make the polymer clay heart. I can't find his e-mail address, so thought I would throw myself at your mercy and hope some enterprising person would have an answer for me.

I am a rabid pcpolyzine fan. I check it frequently - love the projects and give enough praise to those behind the scenes doing the work of getting together the programs and doing the computer work. Please keep up the good work.

Thanks  
Beverly Sims

Dear Beverly:

Thank you for your kind words. You can e-mail Bob Wiley at [rwiley@hic.net](mailto:rwiley@hic.net). You can also check out one of his projects at [How to Use Cake Cutters](#).

You can also check out [Some Assembly Required](#). They are on the net too.

Deirdre



Good Afternoon!

I would like to know how to contact Kathy Davis. Does she have an email address or a web site?

Thank You!  
Michael Shelton

Hi Michael!

You can reach Kathy Davis at this e-mail address: [kdavis@artclayworld.com](mailto:kdavis@artclayworld.com).

She has some beautiful things posted at [Art Clay World](#).

Deirdre



Hola,

Soy una chica de Barcelona (Spain), aqui no encuentro a nadie que pueda darme lecciones, en vuestra web encuentro cosas muy interesantes, pero hay cosas que no entiendo... :(....

Por ejemplo, para hacer un colgante, collar etc... despues de haber hecho el cane.. como puedo hacer para que brille???, cuando lo pongo en el horno y lo saco despues, el color queda mate, no brilla....

Podeis ayudarme?

Muchas gracias  
Marta

Hola Marta:

Si, yo pudo ayudarte.

Para hacer un brilla, use papel de lija (el nombre or tipo es "mojado-seco" -- para automóvil) entonces use la máquina "dar brillo."

No se si "dar brillo" es la palabra correcta. En inglés es "bench grinder."

Pero no use las ruedas de piedra. Use las ruedas suaves de tela -- hecho de muslin . Usted los puede encontrar todos en una ferretería.

Buena suerte!

Deirdre



Dear Polyzine:

I am looking for information on beads by Joy Waters, they are tigers. Any help?

Karla Rieth

Dear Karla:

I have no idea. I did a search for Joy but couldn't find any information. Readers?

Deirdre



Hello,

I read the instructions on how to make the polymer clay American flags but I have questions regarding some of the terminology used.

When you say " Compress the stack so air bubbles are removed." Do I compress with my hand or a special tool or machine? Also when you say "REDUCE" what exactly are you meaning? I am brand new at this and I may not understand "common terms".

Also, I thought Poly had to be baked at 275 in the oven. When you say reduce, do you mean to put it in the oven? Any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,  
Luzy  
[Luzywear.com](http://Luzywear.com)

Hi Luzy!

"Compress so the air bubble are removed" means make sure there is no air between the slabs of clay. The best way to insure there is no air between layers is to lay one layer on top of the next from left to right, pressing with your fingers as you go, so the air gets pushed out.

"Reduce" mean to reduce the cane from it's original size down to the size you want it by squeezing and rolling the cane, while making sure the internal pattern isn't getting messed up. Here's a great tutorial on reducing canes:

<http://www.polymerclaycentral.com/poleigh/reducing.html>

Once you've gotten your cane the size you want it, slice off a section, and cure (bake) it!

Polymer clays cure at different temperatures. Some cure at 265 degrees, others at 275 degrees. Always follow the manufacturer's recommended curing temperatures.

Deirdre



Dear Editor:

I'm very new to polymer clay.

I have been inspired by pictures I have seen in books etc. I would really like to do some lessons but don't know of where to start. I live in Auckland and hope that there is someone here that gives tutorials.

Can you help me with names or contacts of people that might help? Any information would be gratefully appreciated.

Yours sincerely,  
Eva Harris.

Dear Eva:

One of the most visible polymer clay people in your neck of the woods is Petra of [Zigzag Polymer Clay Supplies](#) in Christchurch. At the bottom of her webpage is a link to the AnzacPolyclayers mailing list, which you can join. Membership will allow you to meet and chat with other polyclayers in your region -- perhaps even in your home town!

Good luck!

Deirdre



Hi:

Could you please tell me where to buy cheap clay?

Thanks.

Zhangshi Yin

Dear Zhangshi:

There are many places to purchase clay. If you live near a Pearl's, JoAnn's Fabric, A.C. Moore, or Michael's store, you can purchase Sculpey, Premo, and Fimo there. Occasionally, they will have a sale on one or more brands of clay.

Usually, their color supply is limited, however.

I like to buy my clay from on-line sources. I find that while I have to pay shipping and handling charges, the lower cost per pound more than makes up for it.

Off the top of my head, some places with low prices include:

- [Bolek Crafts](#): Premo and Sculpey, very competitive prices
- [Prairie Craft](#): For the new Kato Clay, here's the source. I don't know of anyone selling it for less.
- [The Clay Alley](#): Premo and Sculpey.
- [Fimo Zone](#): Fimo and Fimo Soft.
- [Wenzel Miniatures](#): Cernit

This is by no means an exhaustive list -- if you run a search for "polymer clay" and "supplies" on any Internet search engine, you will return hundreds of hits for Internet sites selling polymer clay.