

MONET CANE

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What you will need :

- 1/4 lb. of Premo bleached translucent
- small amounts of the following colors: red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple
- Premo white 1 block
- pasta machine
- Nublade

Step 1:

Divide your translucent clay into six equal parts. Take a pinch of red, orange, etc., and mix it into each separate part.

There is no exact formula for tinting translucent clay. Since each color has a different level of saturation, how much clay you need to use for tinting will change from color to color.

My advice is to start with a small pinch of clay and mix it in, then add another pinch as needed. You can see in the picture how I tinted mine. There is a piece of translucent untinted clay on top for comparison.



Step 2:

Take all six of your tinted clay blocks and shape them into rectangular-shaped logs. Wrap each one with a sheet of white clay that was run through your pasta machine at a #6 setting (thin).



Step 3:

Reduce all six logs until you can divide each log into six equal lengths.

Then build them into the pattern that you see in this picture -- red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple.



Form this pattern into a cane.



Step 4:

The next step is to reduce the cane. Pinch the ends down somewhat, and, using a brayer or a sheet of Plexiglass, reduce the middle part. Keep reducing your cane until it measures 3/4" to 1" in diameter.



Step 5:

Cut the ends off the cane and pinch one end slightly closed.



Step 6:

Flatten the cane. Hold the cane diagonally, in a diamond shape. Be certain that like colors run vertically, not horizontally.



Step 7:

Now run this cane through your pasta machine at the thickest setting.



Step 8:

Fold it in half.

Don't worry if the edges are cracked. This is ok and is just the nature of the clay. I think it adds to the cane design anyway!!!



Step 9:

Next cut off the folded end.



Step 10:

Fold in half again and cut off the folded part again.

Now, instead of folding in half again, because it will just be too thick and you will also lose a lot of clay cutting off the fold, just cut in half and stack together.



Step 11: Now lay the cane on its side with one of the jagged edges sticking up. Smooth out the jagged edges with either the brayer or Plexiglass (see **Step 4**).

There you have it! Your Monet Cane is complete. Try this cane in opaque pastels or primary and secondary colors for a completely different look.

