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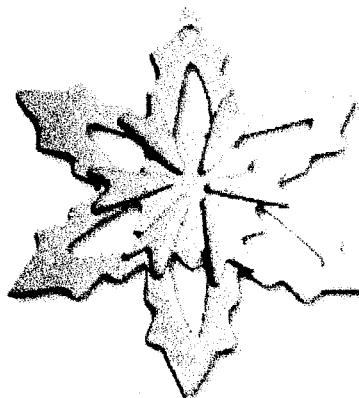
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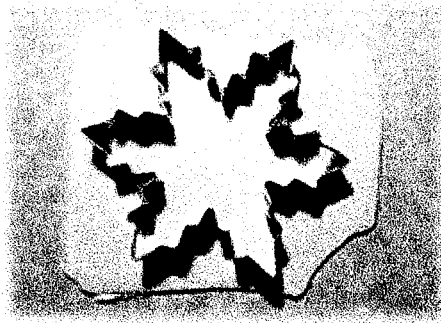
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Cookie Cutter "Clayflakes" (easy-to-make project!) By Kris Richards

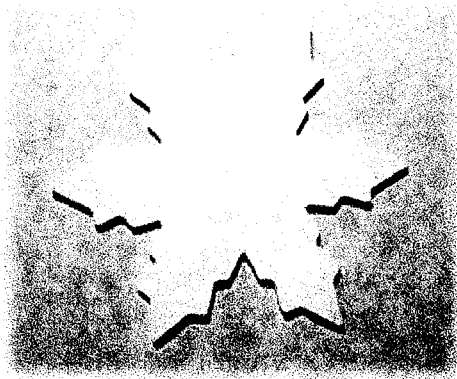


Materials:

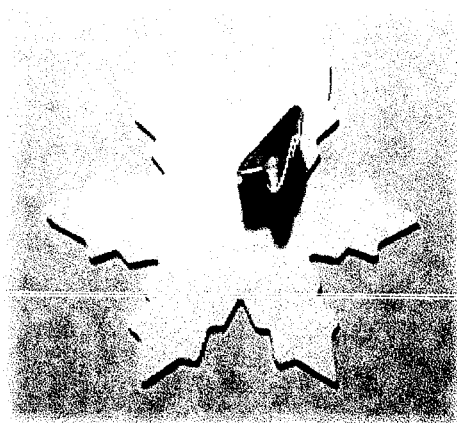
- White Premo 1 package (will make 4-5 medium-sized flakes), OR 1 ounce white Sculpey III mixed with 1 ounce white Premo
- Pasta machine (Atlas was used in this project) OR clay roller, or smooth-sided drinking glass
- Set of snowflake cookie cutters (see end of project for where to buy)
- Smallest round Kemper Pattern cutter
- Ultra fine clear, white, or prismatic glitter
- Small soft clean artist's brush to brush on glitter
- Oven set to bake reliably at 265 degrees F
- Baking parchment or clean white computer paper
- Glass baking pan dedicated to baking polymer clay
- Thin white satin ribbon or fishing line to hang ornament from tree



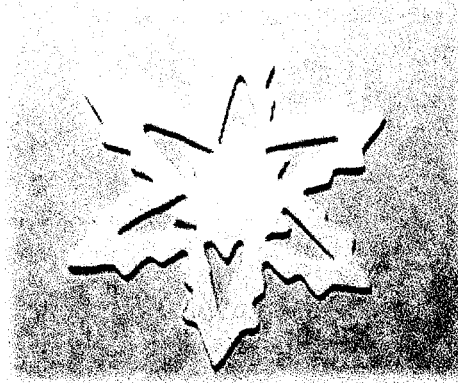
STEP 1. Roll the clay out to the thickest setting on the Atlas pasta machine- or about 1/8 inch thickness. Place the medium-sized snowflake cutter on the clay and press firmly downward to cut through the clay cleanly.



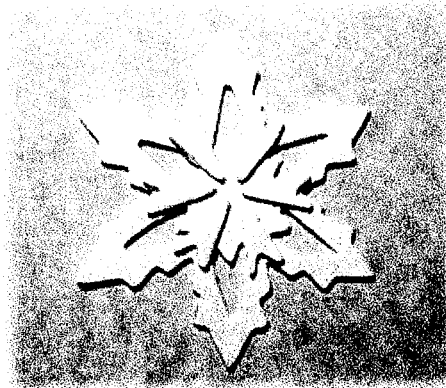
STEP 2. Remove the cut-out snowflake from the cutter.



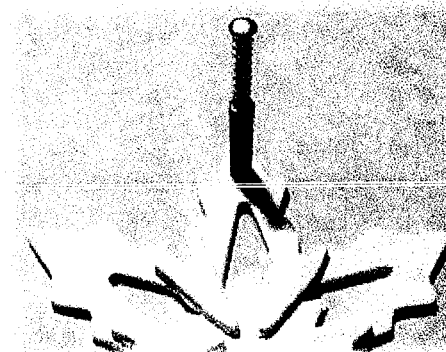
STEP 3. Press the arrow-shaped pattern cutter pointy end outward into one of the "arms" of the snowflake. Keep the cut out clay arrow shape for a later step.



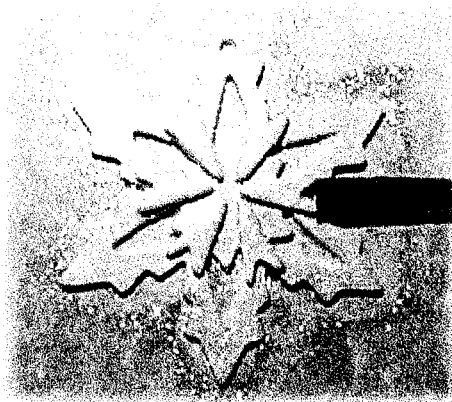
STEP 4. Repeat for all the "arms" of the snowflake-remember to save the cut-out pieces.



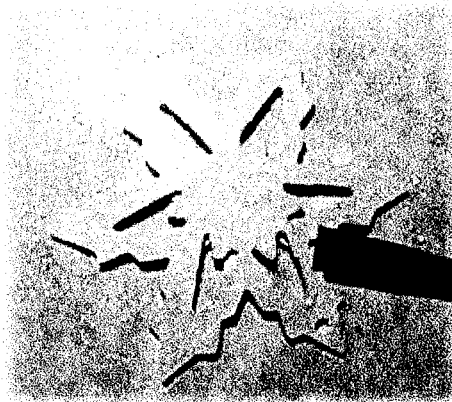
STEP 5. Place the cut out pieces back on top of the snowflake in between the "arms" as shown. Be sure they are all straight and almost meet in the center. Press to secure them tightly to the surface of the clay.



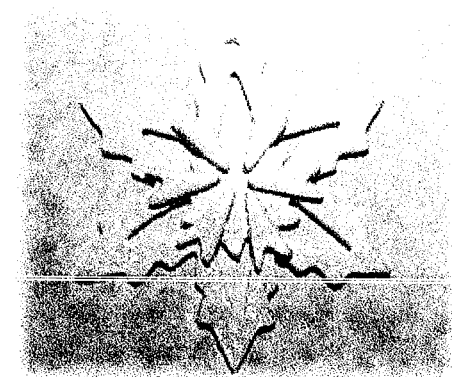
STEP 6. Use the smallest round Kemper Pattern Cutter to cut a hold in the top of one of the "arms" for a hanger or ribbon.



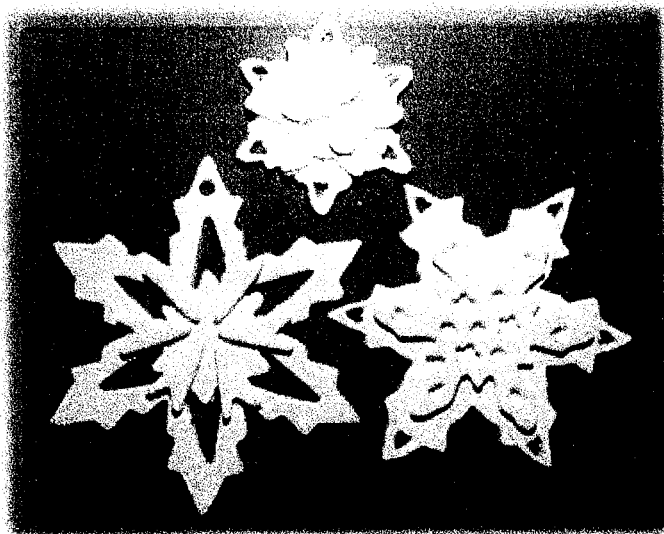
STEP 7. Use the soft brush to spread the glitter on top of the clay, distributing it evenly, and brushing off an extra glitter that doesn't stick.



STEP 8. Flip the snowflake over, and brush the glitter evenly into the back of the clay.

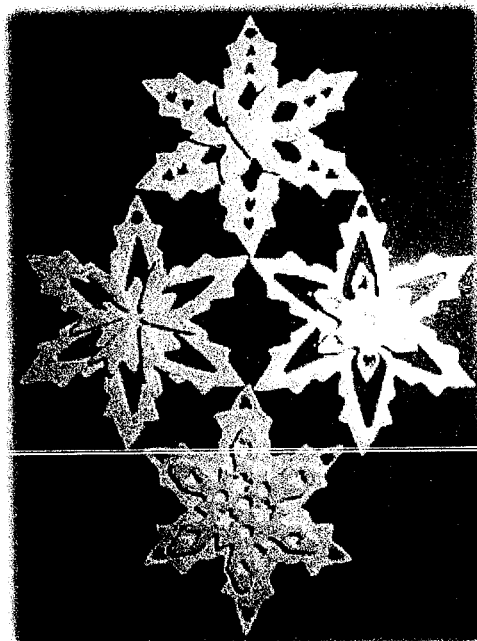


STEP 9. Make as many more snowflakes as you can make, varying the patterns and cutouts. Use your other Kemper Pattern Cutters if you wish, too! Bake them all at once on a piece of baking parchment or white paper on a glass baking sheet dedicated to polymer clay at 265 degrees for thirty minutes. Cool and hang using your choice of a thin satin ribbon, or fishing line.



VARIATIONS:

- Try using Premo white pearl clay to make the snowflakes, don't add glitter-these are gorgeous just left "plain"!
- Make red or green snowflakes! Try adding red or green glitter to them, they're really beautiful.
- Premo gold snowflakes are simply fabulous, too!
- Find a snowflake rubber stamp, and impress stamp into the clay, then cut around it using an Exacto knife.
- Make "Skinner Blend" snowflakes using blue and white Premo- (or your choice of colors!)



WHERE TO FIND SNOWFLAKE COOKIE CUTTERS:

Method 1: Go to <http://www.ebay.com>

and type-in "snowflake cookie cutters" at the "search" area. I bought my set from the people there who also have a website named: The Cookie Cutter Shop.com, www.thecookiecuttershop.com their email address is: thecookiecuttershop@yahoo.com They have a couple different snowflake cutter sets to choose from, and are wonderful people to deal with!

Method 2: If you wish NOT to purchase online, then you can find a 5-piece set (this is the set I used for this project) from Brylane Home Kitchen Catalog. **The order number for this set is: 1 888-257-1851**

The Brylane **toll-free number is: 800-784-8001**

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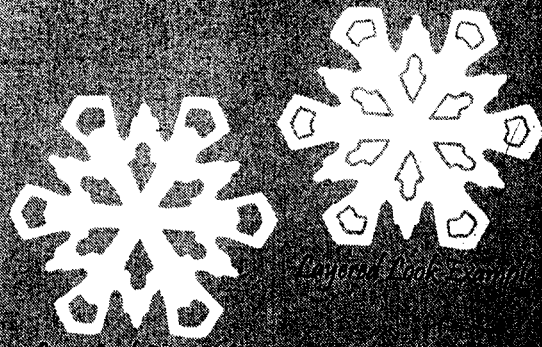


Snowflakes

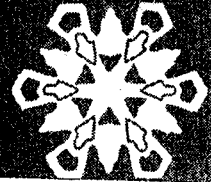
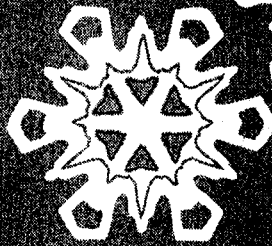
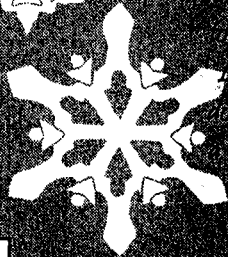
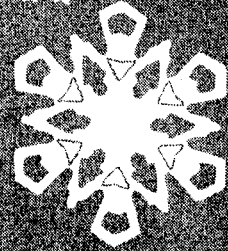
8 Piece Set

Decorative Cutters

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Easy Look Example



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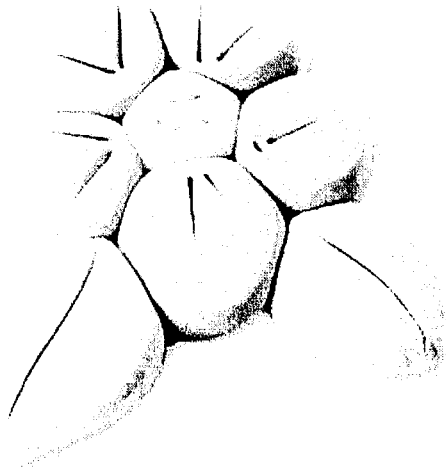


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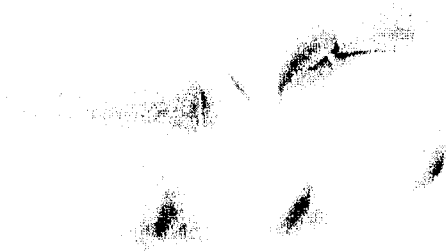
*Shown here are
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you can make
using these cutters.*

Flower



Directions

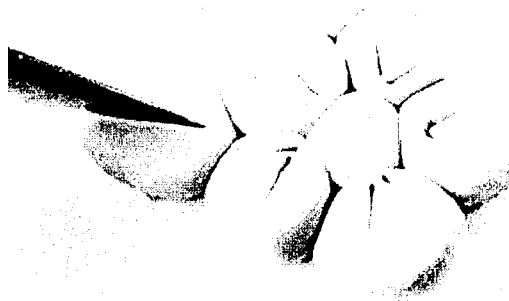
- Roll a coil of orange clay and cut off 5 even pieces. Roll these pieces into balls.



- Position the 5 balls in a circle so that they touch and make a ball of yellow clay to put in the center of this circle. Now roll 2 balls of green clay and pinch on side to a point and add these to the outside of the flower.



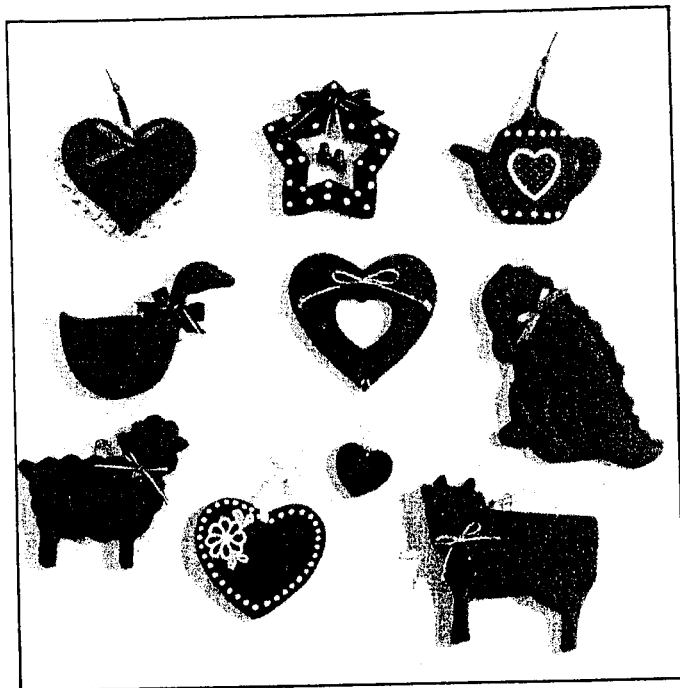
- Put another index card on the top of this and gently press down to flatten slightly. This will press the balls together.



- Use your Sculpey tool (or plastic knife) to add detail to the flower and leaves. Bake as directed above. Gently roll up the clay to form a coil and pinch off the end when the coil is about 1-1/2 inches big.

CINNAMON ORNAMENTS

by Suzanne Jones

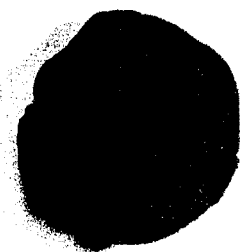


YOU WILL NEED:

2 cups cinnamon
 1½ cups applesauce
 bowl and spoon, plastic bag, spatula
 waxed paper, rolling pin
 2 strips of ¼" thick wood, each 1" x 9"
 cookie cutters
 paper clips, wire cutters
 round toothpick
 ⅛" ribbon or gold metallic thread
 tacky craft glue
 emery board

to decorate individual ornaments:

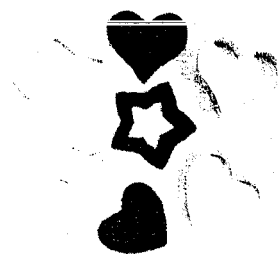
1" wide lace from which individual
 flowers can be cut
 white acrylic paint
 ¼" wide ribbon
 ⅛" gold cord
 ½" wide gathered lace
 1" wide heart of fused 4mm pearls
 1" square of red pindot fabric
 gold glitter spray
 ¼" red wood or jingle bells
 dried baby's breath
 red/green/gold grosgrain ribbon
 3mm half-round beads



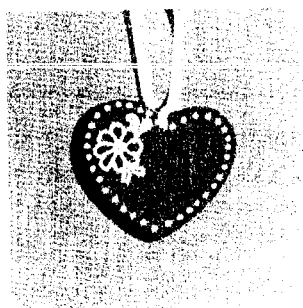
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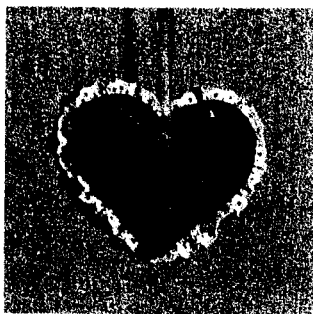


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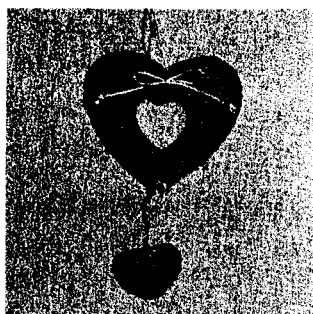


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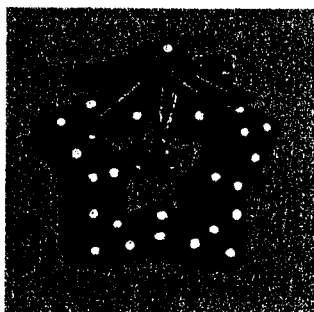
- Mix cinnamon with 1 cup of applesauce in the bowl. Continue adding applesauce, a little at a time, until the cinnamon has a dough-like consistency. (Keep the unused dough in a plastic bag so it will stay moist.)
- Turn the dough out onto a piece of waxed paper. Place a wood strip on each side of the dough parallel to each other; put them as far apart as the length of your rolling pin, so it can rest on them--this assures rolling the dough to a perfect ¼" consistency. Put another piece of waxed paper on top of the dough and roll out to ¼" thick.
- Cut out the desired shapes with the cookie cutters. For the hangers: Use a toothpick to make a small hole in the top of each ornament through which ribbon or metallic thread can be strung after drying, or insert half a paper clip into the top of each ornament.
- For the dotted heart:** Cut single motifs from the lace trim and roll them into the surface of the dough. See step 12 to dry the ornament. When dry, dip a toothpick into white acrylic paint and make a border of dots around some of your hearts.



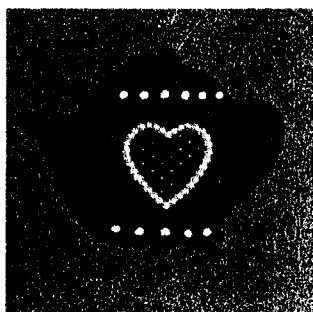
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5 For the lace heart: After drying (see step 12), glue a length of $\frac{1}{2}$ " gathered lace around the back of the heart to frame it. Glue a shoestring ribbon bow to the top of a heart.

6 For the glitter heart: Cut a 1" heart from the center of a 3" heart. Be sure to make a hole at the bottom of the large heart. When dry (see step 12), spray both hearts with gold glitter spray. Hang the small heart from the point of the larger one with gold metallic thread. Make a shoestring bow with gold cord and glue it to the large heart.

7 For the star: Cut a 1" star out of the center of a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " star. After drying (see step 12), use a toothpick dipped in white acrylic paint to make dots around the inside and outside edges of the star. Wrap the hanging cords of two $\frac{1}{4}$ " red bells through the bottom of the hanger hole; glue to secure. Make a shoestring bow with 8" of $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide red/green/gold grosgrain ribbon; glue as shown.

8 For the teapot: After drying (see step 12), use a toothpick dipped in white acrylic paint to make the dots across the top and bottom of the teapot. Use the fused pearl heart as a pattern, to cut a heart from the red pindot fabric and glue it to the front of the teapot. Glue the pearl heart over the fabric heart.

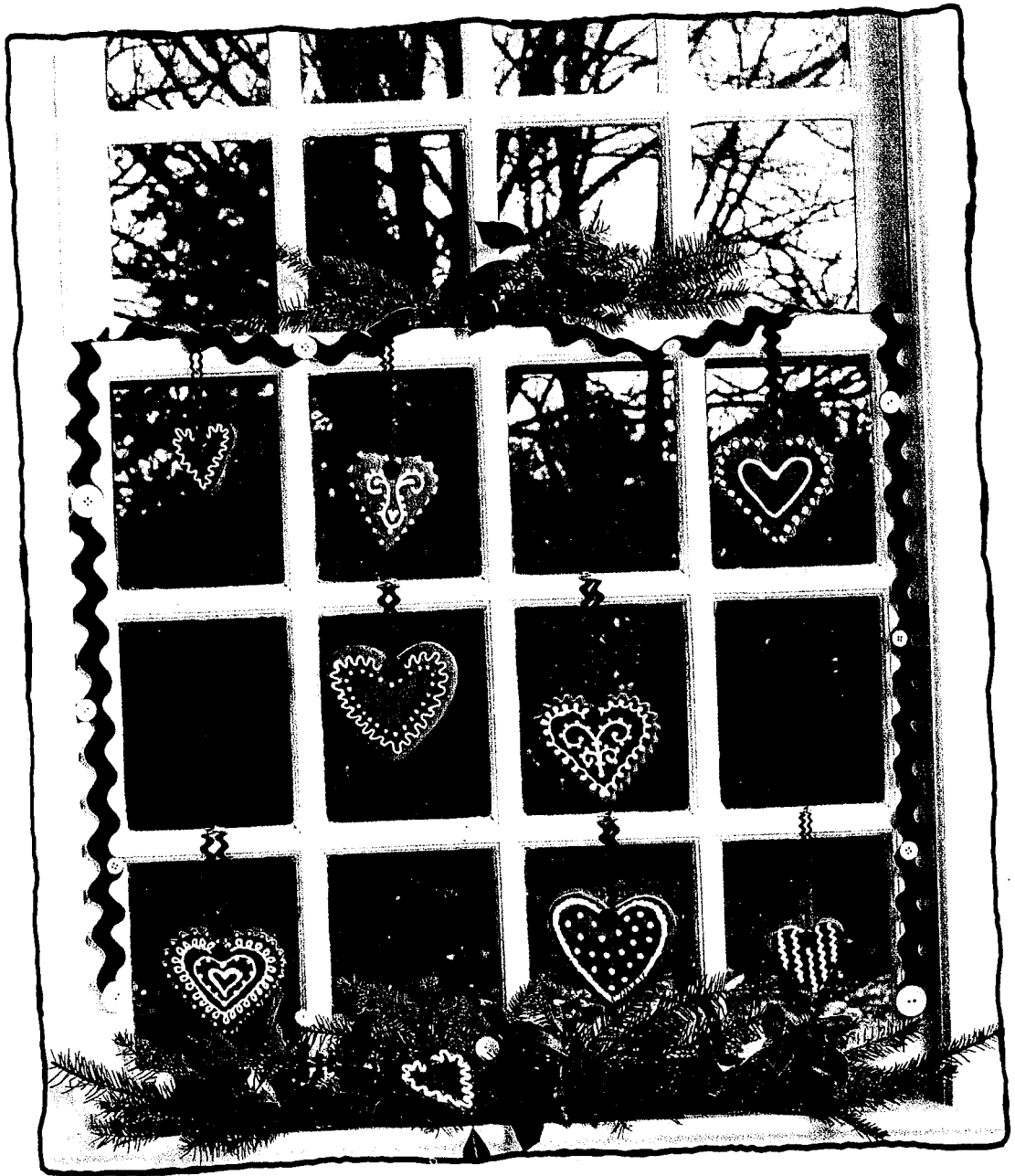
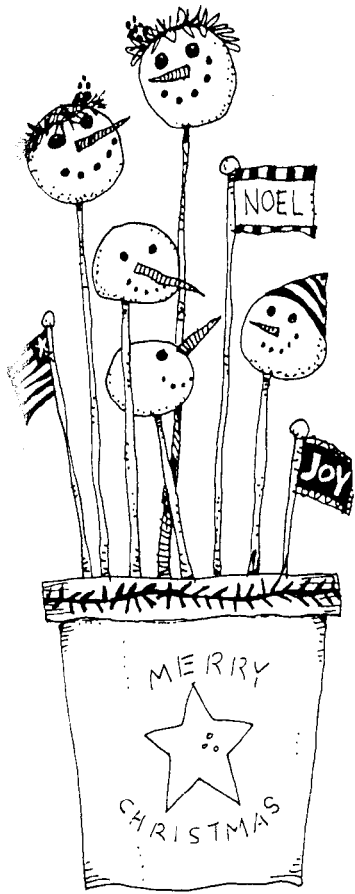
9 For the dinosaur: After drying (see step 12), glue two 3mm half-round black beads to his face for eyes. Make a shoestring bow with 8" of $\frac{1}{8}$ " wide red ribbon and glue onto his neck.

10 For the duck: After drying (see step 12), glue a 3mm half-round black bead in place for her eye. Make a shoestring bow with 8" of $\frac{1}{4}$ " red/green/gold grosgrain ribbon and glue on her neck.

11 For the sheep and cow: After drying, (see step 12), glue a $\frac{1}{4}$ " bell to each neck. Glue a shoestring bow to the top of each bell. The cow has a red miniature ornament bell and a bow of gold cord; the sheep has a gold jingle bell and a bow of $\frac{1}{8}$ " wide green and gold grosgrain ribbon.

12 To dry the ornaments: With the spatula, transfer the shapes to a flat area where they can dry away from direct heat. Turn them often. As they dry, the pieces will become lighter in color. They will take about five days to dry, then use the emery board to smooth the outside edges. Decorate with paints, lace, and ribbon as desired.

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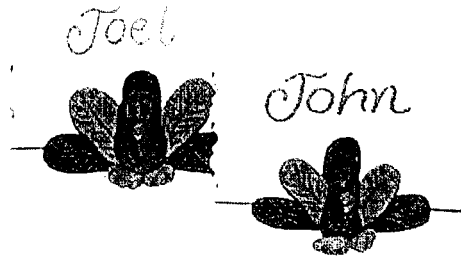
CHRISTMAS "COOKIE" ORNAMENTS

These cookies look good enough to eat, but they're made from copper-colored sculpting clay! Use Christmasy cookie cutters to cut shapes from clay just as if you were making real cookies (don't use any of your good kitchen tools for this), then bake your cookies until golden. For the "icing", mix $\frac{1}{2}$ -part water with one part textured snow medium; fill a cake decorating bag with the icing, then freehand designs onto your gingerbread creations. Glue a big red button to the front of each ornament and the ends of a length of rickrack to the back for a hanger.

Have a white Christmas even without the snow! Use a damp sponge to apply white water-soluble paint to the bottom corners of windowpanes using pre-cut holiday stencils or create your own designs with cookie cutters and construction paper. Paper doilies make wonderful intricate snowflake designs, too. Try decorating an old wooden window frame; attach hooks on the top and hang it on your porch to greet guests!

Little Turkey Place Card Holders

by Amy Koranek



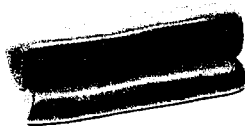
What you'll need:

Sculpey III Terra Cotta, Red Hot Red, Atomic Orange (1 oz. of each color will make 2 holders)
clay tool or dull knife and toothpick
old business card or scrap of card stock, 3-1/2" X 2" decorative paper
optional: decorative edge scissors

1. From Terra Cotta, make a log about 1" long and 1/2" thick. Make a smaller snake about 1" long and 1/4" thick.



2. Pinch up a dull point along the top of the log between your thumb and finger. The log will probably get longer when you do this, so stretch the smaller snake to match the length of the log. Press the snake into place in front of the log. This will make a base for the name tag to sit on.

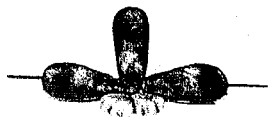


3. Shape two little Atomic Orange triangles. Press these into place in front of the base for feet. Dent some toes into the front of the feet.

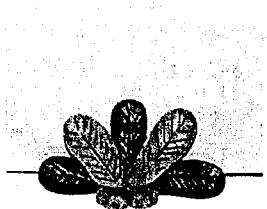


4. From Red Hot Red, shape three tear drops each about 3/4" long. Flatten the tear drops into feathers. Press these into place above the feet. Make sure the bottom feathers attach to the base.

Prop the scrap card stock up on the base behind the feathers. From now on, you'll need to work with the card stock in place to hold space for your name tag later.



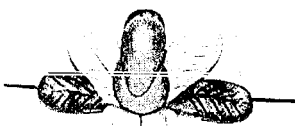
5. Make two Atomic Orange feathers. Press these into place between the red feathers. Gently score little lines in the feathers.



6. Shape a large tear drop from Terra Cotta. Press this into place on top of the feet and against the feathers for the body.



7. Shape a medium size tear drop from Terra Cotta. Push it onto the front of the body with the point down for the head.



8. Shape a tiny tear drop from Atomic Orange and press it into place for a beak.

Shape a tiny long tear drop from Red Hot Red and press it over the beak and hanging down the side for the waddle. Poke two little holes for eyes.



9. Leave the scrap card in place and bake the card holder at 275 for 15 minutes. Do not touch until the card holder is completely cool.

Cut a 3-1/2" X 2" card from the decorative paper for your name tags. Replace the scrap card stock with your name tag.