

ART CLAY™ SILVER Basic Instruction Guide

Peony Hairpin



Completed piece

Since spring is coming around the corner, a flower motif accessory is a great idea for your students. The peony is one of Japan's traditional flowers, and it matches well with Japanese Kimono fashion. You also can finish with a comb, hair stick and/or hair slide.

<Material>

Art Clay Silver Paper Type 1pc, Art Clay Silver 650 Clay Type (a small amount), Beads (Diameter 4mm) 5pcs, Hairpin with stand 1 pc, Synthetic fiber thread 90cm (15cm x 6pcs), Crimp beads 6pcs

<Step by Step Guide>



- 1) Cut out with a craft punch (Small, medium and large flower petals (3pcs of each size), and 2pcs of leaves).



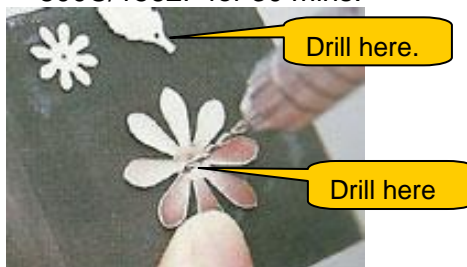
- 2) Place the pieces into a kiln at room temperature, and raise the temperature up to 800C/1562F. Hold at 800C/1562F for 30 mins.



- 3) Cool down and polish them with a stainless steel brush.



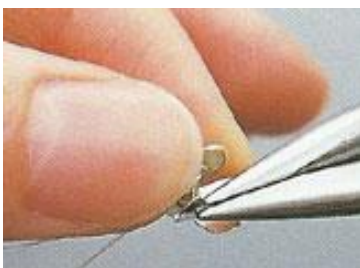
- 4) Make a vein pattern on the leaves with a burnisher.



- 5) Drill a 1mm diameter hole on each flower petal and leaf with a pin vise.



- 6) Place the flower petals on a rubber block and make them a round shape by pressing with the round tip of a pen etc.



- 7) Form a single flower by combining 3 petals (1 small, 1 medium and 1 large). Thread the small petal and bead through the synthetic fiber thread, and bend the petal with some flat pliers.



- 8) Then, thread the medium one from the back of the small one and adjust the petals balance with the pliers.



- 9) Lastly, thread the large one from the back of the medium one, and tie the thread tightly. Make 2 more flowers as Step 7-9.



10) Place all parts with good balance on the stand, and thread through the hole.



11) Fix the thread with the crimp bead, and cut off any extra thread.



12) Bend the hairpin stand's prongs and finish.

<Optional Project>

You can also make a cherry blossom motif hair accessory by combining with the central parts of flower.



1) Make a cherry blossom's petal and central parts. After firing the petal, drill a 2mm diameter hole with a pin vise. Cut Paper Type into a strip for the central part, make a tiny cut in, and fire. Polish both fired pieces with a stainless steel brush.



2) Roll up the central part with the flat pliers.



3) Make a small ball with a small amount of Art Clay 650 Silver Clay Type. Embed the petal into the clay, and then the central part on the center of the petal. Drill a hole into the ball with a toothpick, dry and fire.



4) Finish as same as the peony hair pin.

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