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Melanie Brooks uses old found hardware to create an architectural style pendant and a flea market finds pendant.

Building an Architectural Style Pendant



Materials needed

- Apoxie epoxy resin clay in black
- 2 Teflon sheets 6x4"
- 1 non stick rolling pin
- Rustic copper epoxy resin clay
- Xacto knife
- Razor blade
- 3 gunmetal 8mm closed jumpings

1 rusty washer approximately 3/4" round
Small bolt cutters
Mesh screening 3x3"
2 rulers of the same thickness
6mm round head bolt with matching hex nut
4 size 4x38 black flat sheet metal screws
Latex gloves (optional)
Safety glasses

Resin clays, Teflon sheets, and rolling pin: Sherri Haab Shop, www.sherrihaab-shop.com.

Jump Rings: Fusion Beads, www.fusionbeads.com, 1.888.781.3559.

All other craft materials: general crafting and hardware stores.

Instructions

1. Prepare work area with a flat surface for rolling clay, two Teflon sheets, and two rulers. Using latex gloves is optional. Measure out two equal balls of black epoxy clay approximately 3/4" in size. Mix and knead the two balls together thoroughly to create one ball of clay.
2. Fatten ball of clay with hands to make a flat oval pancake shape. Set clay down on one Teflon sheet between two rulers. Lay the other Teflon sheet on top of the rulers (the rulers will determine the thickness of the slab). Use the rolling pin to roll out a small slab of clay.
3. Lightly press the screen onto the surface of the clay to imprint the pattern into the clay. Press the washer into the center of the clay. Cut a house shape out of the clay using the Xacto knife and razor blade. Using some of the excess clay, roll a small ball and set it in the center of the washer. Press the screw and hex nut into the center of the ball.
4. Using the bolt cutters (and wearing safety glasses), trim the machine screws so they are about 1/4 long. Cut a small slice of the copper clay and mix together. The working time on this clay is much shorter, so you have to work fast. Roll a small ball of copper clay and set at the top of the house pendant. Press one of the screws through the ball of clay into the pendant. Repeat this step two times near the bottom of the pendant.
5. Press the edge of the screen into the clay along the edges where there are no screws. Re-cut the house shape if it has been altered.
6. Press the jumpings into the top sides and bottom of the pendant, keeping the pendant on the Teflon sheet while working. Use the blades and screening to make any final shape or pattern adjustments, and leave to dry on the Teflon sheet for 24 hours to harden and cure.

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Flea Market Finds Pendant



Materials needed

Work tray

Waxed paper or Contact paper

1 Checker game piece (for propping)

1 Vintage milk bottle tab or other cardboard ephemera

1 Wooden craft stick

1 Small plastic mixing cup

Ice Resin

Pearl Ex Powder sparkle gold

1/8" hole punch

2 size 1/8" eyelets

Craft hammer

Bench block

Eyelet setter

1.8mm metal hole punch pliers

1.25mm metal hole punch pliers

Two hole metal punch

Heavy wire cutters

2 pairs of chain nose pliers

Round nose pliers

1 Brass miniature screw and nut microfastener 2.5 cm

1 vintage watch face

3 brass heishi beads 7x3mm

1 game spinner charm 6x25mm

2 brass wings 13x24mm

1 vintage key

1 brass headpin 2"

1 glass coffee bean bead 11x8mm

2 gunmetal jump rings 13ga 10mm jumpring

2 brass 1/4" rivets 16 gauge
3 brass 9.5mm washers
1 beading awl

Heishi, game spinner: Rings & Things, www.rings-things.com, 800-366-2156.

Micro fasteners, eyelets and tools, wings: Ornamentea, www.ornamentea.com, 919.834.6260.

Ice resin, Pearl Ex, jumprings, head pin, coffee bean bead, washers, rivets, metal hole punches, hammer and bench block: Fusion Beads, www.fusionbeads.com, 1.888.781.3559.

Vintage materials: Antique/flea market and.

All other craft materials: general crafting store.

Instructions

1. Prepare work area in a well ventilated room (65 degrees or higher in temperature) Place waxed paper on a tray on a level surface and prop milk bottle tab up from the surface with a small item (like a checkers game piece).
2. Measure a small amount (approximately 1/2 teaspoon) of equal amounts of resin and hardener. Mix thoroughly for 2 minutes with a craft stick. Sprinkle a small amount of Pearl Ex into the resin for a sparkly effect. Let the mixture sit for 5 minutes to let the bubbles dissipate. Pour the resin on the center of the milk tab and spread around the edge so the entire surface is coated. Let sit until dried (about 6 hours) and allow 3 days for complete curing before moving on to the next steps.
3. Mark the top and bottom of the milk tab for the large hanging holes. Punch the two holes through with a 1/8" hole punch. Place the eyelets in the holes and use the eyelet setter and hammer on the bench block to set the eyelets, hammering straight down onto the eyelet setter several times until the eyelet flares and stays in place.
4. Mark a hole for the watch face decoration onto the milk tab. Punch hole using 1.8mm metal hole punch. String onto micro fastener screw: 1 heishi, 1 game spinner, 1 heishi, 1 watch face, the hole of the milk tab, and 1 washer. Place the bolt onto the screw and twist until the items are tightened. Cut the end of the screw with the heavy wire cutters very close to the surface of the bolt. Use the hammer and bench block to hammer the end of the screw, flaring it out slightly to hold it in place.
5. Mark two holes on the upper sides for the wings onto the milk tab. Punch two holes using the 1.25mm metal hole punch. Use the small punch of the double metal hole punch to punch holes in the ends of the brass wings. Put 1 rivet through 1 hole on the milk tab. Use an awl to widen the hole to get the rivet through, if needed. On the back of the tab, string 1 wing and 1 washer onto the rivet. Cut the end of the rivet very close to the surface. Place on the bench block and hammer the end of the rivet with the round end of the hammer, flaring out the end of the rivet. Repeat on other side.
6. Assemble the pendant by opening 1 gunmetal jumpring with 2 pairs of chain nose pliers and adding to top eyelet hole on the milk tab. String 1 coffee bean bead onto 1 headpin and make a simple loop using round nose pliers. Open 1 jumpring and attach the key and coffee bean charm to the bottom loop of the milk tab eyelet hole.

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