



Urban Raku

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Materials:

Sculpey Souffle Poppy Seed – 1 package

Sculpey Clay Conditioning Machine

Sculpey Super Slicer

Sculpey Circle or Oval cutters

Sculpey Gloss Glaze or Pearl Ex Varnish and small soft brush

Jacquard Pearl Ex – For the green/blue version: Spring Green, True Blue, Flamingo Pink, Gold and Super Copper (Series 2 plus copper) For the Copper version: Super Copper, Super Russet, Sunset Gold, Super Bronze (Series 1)

Citadel Paints for Copper version: Nuln Oil Shade and Nihilakh Oxide Technical (for information on paints: <https://synssculpeyblog.wordpress.com/class-info/information-on-paints/>)

Have on Hand:

Templates to cut shapes and craft blade

Piece of course sandpaper or step grit tape (to prevent slips)

Small smooth tile

5 inch metal bowl or bakeable ceramic bowl/mug

15mm or 20mm leather strap cut to wrist size (leathercordusa.com) available in 10 inch pieces

15mm or 20mm Glu-N-Go Magnetic End Caps (leathercordusa.com)

Gel glue

Getting Started:

Polymer clay may stain. CLAY MAY DAMAGE UNPROTECTED FURNITURE OR FINISHED SURFACES. DO NOT USE polymer clay on unprotected surfaces. We recommend working on the Sculpey clay mat, wax paper, metal baking sheet, or disposable foil. Start with clean hands and work surface area. Knead clay until soft and smooth. For best results, clean your hands in between colors. Shape clay, pressing pieces together firmly. Bake on oven-proof glass or metal surface at 275°F (130 °C) for 30 minutes per ¼" (6 mm) thickness. For best baking results, use an oven thermometer. DO NOT USE MICROWAVE OVEN. DO NOT EXCEED THE ABOVE TEMPERATURE OR RECOMMENDED BAKING TIME. Wash hands after use. Baking should be completed by an adult.

Begin by preheating oven to 275 °F (130 °C). Test temperature with oven thermometer for perfectly cured clay. For best results, condition all clay by running it through the Clay Conditioning Machine for several passes on the widest setting. Fold the clay in half after each pass and insert the fold side into the rollers first.

Step 1:

Roll a small piece of the conditioned clay through the Sculpey Clay Conditioning Machine on the #5 (thin) setting. Place on a sheet of paper.

Step 2:

Use your finger to dot on small amounts of each color – I start with my favorite color and add more, ending with Copper or Gold for each one.

Step 3:

Roll out another sheet of the Poppy Seed clay on the second from widest setting that is at about 3x3 inches. Tear small pieces of the thin sheet of clay and collage them onto this sheet of clay. Try not to pull and stretch the clay as you tear it!

Step 4:

Once the sheet of clay is covered, use the small piece of sandpaper or safety grit to texture the top surfaces of the clay.

Step 5:

Use the selected cutter or template to cut out your shape and place on the curved bowl. Bake as directed above.

Step 6:

After the clay is baked and cooled, glue the piece to the center of the leather strap (measured to wrist size already). Glue the magnetic end pieces into place and allow the glues to dry.

