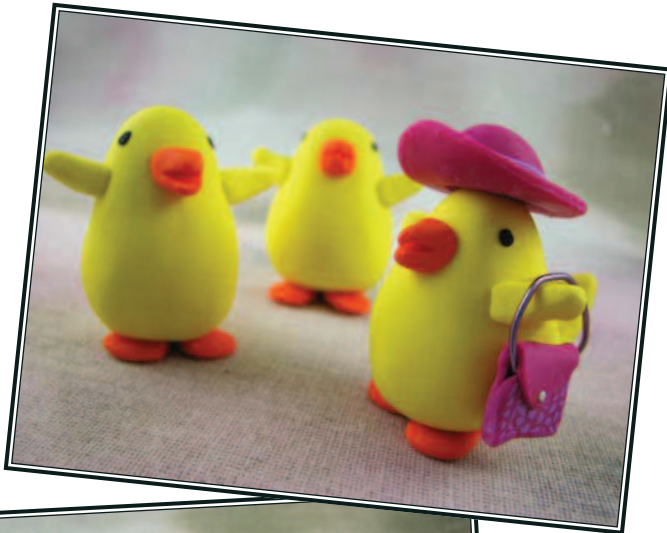


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easter chick and eggs

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#### SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- Fimo® Soft Clay:
  - 2 oz – White, Lavender, Raspberry, Peppermint, Mandarin, Black
  - 4 oz – Sunflower
- Wire for purse handle, 22 gauge
- Round wooden beads – approx. 3/4" 20mm
- Amaco® items:
  - PolyRoller clay roller
  - Professional Bead-Baking Rack/Cane Slicer
  - Pasta Machine – optional
  - Polyblade Clay Cutter
  - Polymer Clay & Craft Oven, or regular oven
  - Polymer Clay Tool set
- Work surface – a glossy white tile is a good choice
- Aluminum foil
- E6000 glue or similar
- Knitting needle

#### DIRECTIONS:

##### EGGS:

1. Bake the wooden beads for 20 minutes in an oven at the same temperature recommended for baking the clay (see clay package for details). This dries the beads so they will not shrink when covered in clay and baked later on.
2. Separately condition the White clay and Sunflower clays thoroughly. Set aside 1/4 of the White clay and use the remainder to shape the beads into a rough egg shape with the pointy end above one of the holes in the bead. Use a knitting needle to extend the hole in the bead through the clay. Repeat for as many eggs as desired.
3. Use the Sunflower clay to build three beads into a larger egg shape as the base shape for the three chicks. Do not make a hole in these.
4. Cure the clay-covered beads according to the manufacturer's instructions on the clay package.
5. Separately condition 1 oz each of the Raspberry, Peppermint and Lavender clays. Roll of each of these clays as well - and some White and Sunflower clay remaining from step 2 - into thin sheets. Use the sheets to cover the egg-shaped beads with a thin cover of colored clay. Smooth the egg shapes by rolling lightly in your hand.

6. Pinch off tiny sesame seed size pieces of White clay and roll into small balls. Place these on the surface of the egg shape beads and, using the clay roller, roll in one direction and then the opposite direction to flatten the sphere to make a polka dot of clay on the egg. Repeat to cover the egg with polka dots. The Lavender, Raspberry, Peppermint and Sunflower eggs each have White polka dots on them and the White eggs have Lavender, Peppermint and Raspberry polka dots.
7. Push a bead rack pin through each egg and place the eggs on the rack.

#### CHICKS:

1. Cover the Sunflower egg shape with clay and mould to form the chick shape. Cut a fat triangle of clay for a tail and adhere it to the bottom edge of the shape using a clay tool to blend it seamlessly to the shape.
2. Cut two smaller triangles of Sunflower clay and affix to either side of the chick shape for wings.
3. Condition 1 oz of the Mandarin clay and cut a small triangular shape wedge of clay for the beak. Cut part way through the triangle to form an open beak and fix the clay to the chick on the opposite side to its tail.
4. Make two small teardrop shapes of Mandarin clay and flatten them for the chick's feet. Place the feet on the work surface, place the chick on its feet and press to adhere. The chick should stand on its feet unsupported.
5. Roll two tiny pieces of Black clay for the eyes. Attach these to the chick's face and roll with a clay roller to flatten and embed in the clay.
6. Repeat to make the other chicks.
7. Handbag: Roll a small piece of Raspberry clay and trim to a small rectangle shape. Trim one end of the rectangle to a point and fold the shape in three around a twist of wire. Apply a tiny dot of clay as a faux clasp. Lay the handbag on a sheet of aluminum foil to bake.
8. Hat: Roll a sphere of Raspberry clay about the size of the wood beads and cut the bottom off it to form a half sphere. Cut a circle of Raspberry clay for the brim, place the sphere on this and blend the clays together to adhere. Add a small twist of clay for a ribbon trim. Press on the underside of the hat to make a small dent so the hat will balance on the chick's head later on.
9. Bake the beads on the bead rack and the chicks, purse and hat on a tile work surface following the manufacturer's instructions on the package.
10. Glue the hat to the female chick.
11. Assemble the beads into a necklace or bracelet as desired.

Skill Level 1: No experience needed

Approximate Crafting Time: 3 hours

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