

How To

# CREATE CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS



Get Started

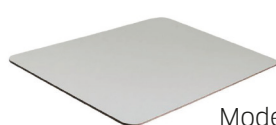
## WHAT YOU'LL NEED



**PM588**  
Air Drying Clay



**PM621**  
Shape Cutters



**PM022A**  
Modelling Board

**PM445**  
Rolling Pin



**PR613**  
Wooden Blocks



**AD272C**  
PVA Glue



**PM444**  
Rolling Guides

**PD360**  
X4 Standard Acryl



**PM382A**  
Earthenware Glazes





# Step by Step LET'S CREATE



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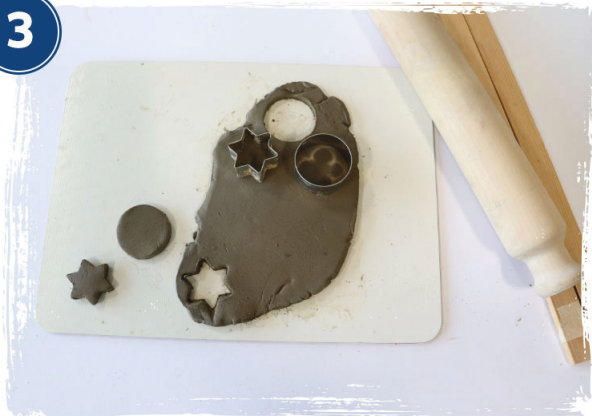
Prepare your workspace, we recommend working on a modelling board or a clean smooth surface.

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Using the rolling guides, start by rolling out a piece of clay with a rolling pin. The rolling guides will ensure you have an even thickness. Aim for the clay to be around half a centimetre thick.

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Next, you're ready to cut out your shapes. Use a range of shaped cutters to carefully cut through the clay.

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If you don't have cutters, you can make your own stencils by drawing out your shape using stencil card. Carefully cut around your shape in the clay using a carving tool.

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The clay can be imprinted by using stamp tools and lace fabric. This can create interesting textures once the air-drying clay has dried.

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Once happy with your shapes and imprints, carefully make a small hole into the top of each decoration. This is where you will insert the ribbon once finished. Leave your clay to dry for a day or two by placing it on a dry surface.

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Once your clay is dry and no longer feels cold, brush over a layer of PVA glue to form a barrier before applying acrylic paints.

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#### SECONDARY LEVEL:

For kiln firing, follow steps up until step 6. Once your clay is dry and no longer feels cold, brush over 2-3 coats of the metallic glaze. Leave to dry, then kiln fire up to 1040°C to reveal a gloss finish.

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#### SECONDARY LEVEL:

When your clays have finished firing, add some ribbon and they are now ready for your tree!

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For air drying, once your PVA base layer has dried, paint your decorations with X4 Artist Acrylic paints. You may need to add more than one coat for a vibrant finish. We recommend using metallic shades for a high-shine decoration.

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Once your paint has dried, add ribbon through the hole made at the top, and they are now ready to hang on your tree.