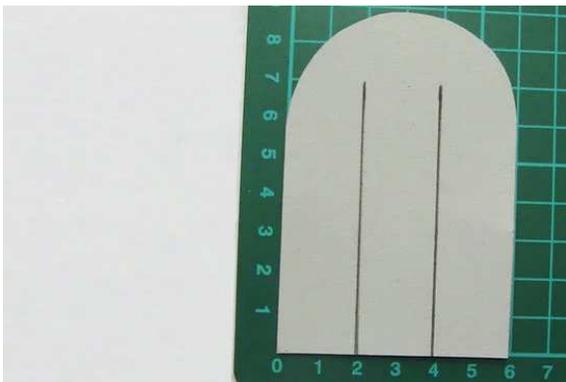


FIMO leather-effect - Woven hearts



Step-by-step tutorial



Before you start, cut a card template. To make a 10.5cm x 10.5cm woven heart, the template for each half needs to be 9cm x 6cm with a curve at one end. The 3 x strips are 7cm in length and, 2cm apart.

This shape can be scaled up or down for making bigger or smaller FIMO leather-effect heart decorations.

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Use a tile as a work surface. Cut off 5 FIMO leather-effect portions.



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Press the FIMO with your fingers then roll it into a 8cm x 8cm square.

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Place a sheet of gold Leaf Metal onto the FIMO. Roll over the surface until it starts to crackle.



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Roll the FIMO to make it bigger, approximately 15cm x 15cm, 2mm deep. The FIMO sheet can be carefully lifted and pulled to stretch it out.

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Fold the FIMO over to make a longer shape. Keep rolling until it is **1mm** deep.

The FIMO needs to be very thinly rolled so the strips can be folded for weaving together the finished heart.

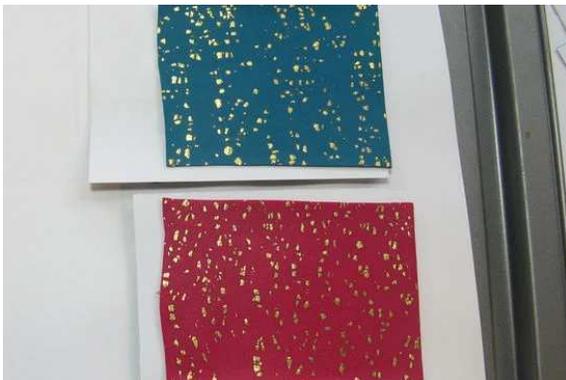


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Make sure the rolled FIMO is at least double the size of the card template, plus at 1-2cm spare around all 4 sides - 20cm x 9cm, or slightly bigger.

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Remove the template then fold over the FIMO with a piece of card in the middle.



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Repeat steps 1-8 with another FIMO colour then carefully lift both pieces onto a baking tray lined with card.

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Preheat the oven to **130°C / 266 °F (upper and lower heat)**. Once it is up to temperature, place your pieces in the oven and harden them for **30 minutes**.

Leave to cool before handling.



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Trim off any uneven edges from the hardened FIMO then place the template on top, positioned with the straight edge along the folded FIMO edge.

To make mark the position of strips, push a pointed tool through the card at the top of each line onto the FIMO.

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Draw around the template with a thin pen then cut around the shape with the strips in the middle. Repeat with the matching FIMO piece.



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Hold the 2 halves of the heart together. Thread the 2 top folded strips alternately pulling them through the facing strip. After threading the first layer, push the strips upwards before starting the next ones.

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To make a handle to hang the heart, cut a thin strip from the left-over folded FIMO. Punch a hole in the heart on both sides and at the ends of the strip then fix a rivet on both sides.



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Optional - you could add a small hardened FIMO shape to your heart, or glue a stamped initial as a personalised detail.

Tips:

- Try using different FIMO leather-effect colour combinations to make a selection of woven hearts.
- Keep your fingers clean with wet wipes so darker FIMO colours don't transfer onto the lighter ones.
- Wipe and dry the tile before using a new FIMO colour.
- Placing FIMO on a piece of card on the baking tray helps to prevent the reverse side appearing shiny or patchy. Always keep card away from the edge of the oven or heated elements.
- For safety if you need to use glue, wear disposable gloves, a filter mask, and eye protection.

What you need

Product	Article no.	Quantity
FIMO® leather-effect 8010 Oven-hardening modelling clay - Single product berry	8010-229	1
FIMO® leather-effect 8010 Oven-hardening modelling clay - Single product lagoon	8010-369	1
FIMO® 8711 Modelling tools - Wallet containing 4 different modelling tools	8711	1
FIMO® 8781 Leaf metal - Single product Leaf metal, gold	8781-11	1
FIMO® 8700 05 Acrylic roller - Blistercard containing an Acrylic roller	8700 05	1
Noris® 120 Graphite pencil - Single product HB	120-2	1
FIMO® 8700 22 Oven thermometer - Blistercard containing 1 Oven thermometer	8700 22	1
FIMO® 8724 03 Shaped cutters - Set containing 6 assorted motifs	8724 03	1
Noris® 965 Hobby scissors - Blistercard containing scissors with 17 cm blade	965 17 NBK	1
Mars® 562 04 F Plexiglas® - ruler - Single product length 30 cm	562 04-30F	1

Additionally required:

a tile, wet wipes, thin card, metal cookie cutters, a baking tray, a hole punch, metal rivets + setting tools, a craft knife, a cutting mat