

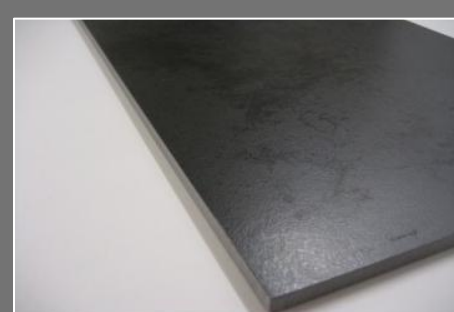
10 tips for Polymer Clay

Do not use the same knives, cutting board, rolling-pin, or baking pans you use for cooking. The debate online is that polymer clay releases toxic chemicals that can be reabsorbed into your food. Some people believe this others don't, but why take the chance!?

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Floor Tile

You can use a porcelain floor tile as a baking pan.



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Cornstarch

Cornstarch! Use it like you would flour when baking. (A little goes a long way.)



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Thermostat

Buy an oven thermostat. Mine cost \$5 from Lowe's.



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Baking

You can use a traditional oven or toaster oven to bake your clay.



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No-No

Do not use permanent markers, spray paint or nail polish to paint or seal clay.



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Just Right

If baked at the right temperature, you cannot over bake your clay. The more it bakes the more it cures.



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Do Not Burn

Do not burn clay. It does release chemicals when it burns.



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Keep Trying

When you remove your clay from the oven it will be somewhat soft. If after 5 minutes, it is still soft, just put it back in the oven and bake longer.



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Brands

Fimo brand is stiffer than Sculpey III and CraftSmart. CraftSmart is, from what I have read, the "cheap" stuff. I haven't had any issues with any of the three.

