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Baubles with a beautiful foliage pattern and textured finish

Makes: 8

Level: Mid ●

Materials:

- Modelling paste (approx 1.5 tbsp per bauble)
- 8 x ceramic baubles (unglazed)
- Acrylic paint (white or your choice)
- String or ribbon for hanging (approx 25 cm/10" per bauble)

Equipment:

- Palette knife
- Paintbrush
- Scissors

Step 1 Paint ceramic bauble

Paint your ceramic bauble with two coats of acrylic paint (white or your choice of colour). Allow time to dry between coats (approx 1 hour).



Step 2 Apply modelling paste

Scoop a small amount of modelling paste onto the back of a palette knife. Gently press the tip of the knife down onto the bauble to create a tear shape of paste on the bauble.



Pattern:

Repeat on the other side to create a rough heart shape



Step 3 Repeat the pattern

Continue this heart pattern in a vertical row, one heart under another. Repeat around the entire bauble, alternating between long and short rows to create a more asymmetrical and interesting finish.



Your hearts don't need to be perfect - the effect will be the same!

Step 4 Hang to dry

Hang the baubles to dry (up to 3 hours)



modelling paste

Find it in art and craft stores - plus some hardware stores.

It's an inexpensive thick paste that can be used to create texture in a range of art and craft projects. You can also add acrylic paint to the mixture to colour the paste.

It's different to joint compound (used in some of my other ornaments) because modelling paste has a more flexible finish, which is less like plaster.