



Make a Toadstool with me...

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1. Let's start by making the stalk... dust your mould with talc or cornflour



2. Press clay into the mould, filling it completely. Remove excess clay from around the edges



3. Grab a small ball of clay & dip it in some water. Press this onto the back of the stalk...



4...use this ball of clay and as a handle to remove the stalk from the mould



5. Repeat steps 1 - 4 to make the other half of the stalk. Score and slip the flat sides of the stalk and stick them together



6. Blend the seam lines of the stalk so you can't see where the two halves join



7. Make a hole all the way through the stalk using the handle of a paintbrush. This helps with ensuring even drying



8. Roll out a small bit of clay to about 1mm thickness long enough to wrap around the stalk



9. Rip off some of the clay to leave a jagged edge





10. Score and slip around the top of the stalk and the jagged piece of clay



11. Wrap the clay around the stalk and press to attach



12. Smooth out the clay at the top of the stalk, but leave the bottom edge of the clay you've just attached



13. Use a damp paintbrush to lift the bottom of the attached clay so it sticks out slightly



14. Score and slightly flatten the top of your stalk ready to attach the top of your toadstool later...



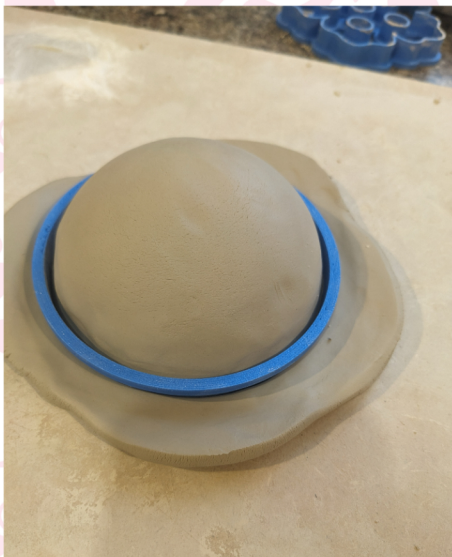
15. Time to make the top of your toadstool... roll out your clay to 7mm thick



16. Dust your dome form with talc or cornflour to prevent your clay from sticking



17. Drape your rolled clay over the dome and firm around the shape



18. Line up your cutter over the dome and cut the clay



19. Push the dome through the cutter to get a nice neat edge



20. Smooth out any imperfections on the dome and the edge with a damp sponge



21. Give your dome a little twist to make sure it's not stuck to the clay



22. If you're adding decorations to your toadstool top, do this now with the dome still in for support



23. Make sure you score and slip anything you add to your dome



24. When ready, remove the dome mould from your toadstool top and scratch in gills with a needle tool



25. Score the inside of your toadstool top where you will attach your stalk. Add some slip to your scores areas and attach



26. Ta-dah!

