

Make a Sphere with me...

Cutters For Clay

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1. Roll out your clay to 7mm thick. It's best to use slightly firmer clay so it holds its shape easier



2. Powder your dome with talc or corn flour. We're using the 7cm dome here - smaller domes are easier to make than large ones! For larger domes, use slightly thicker clay



3. Brush your clay with talc or corn flour too so it doesn't stick to the dome



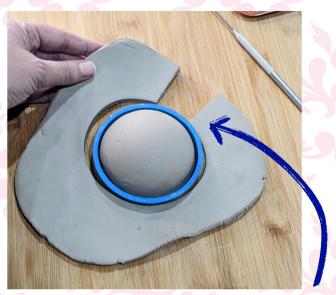
4. Drape your clay over the dome mould



5. Firm the clay around the mould



6. Press the cutter down over the mould



7. Cut away and remove any excess clay



8. Turn over your dome and cutter and lift the cutter off



9. Tidy up the edges and give the dome a little twist to release the clay then lift out



10. Repeat steps
1-9 to make a
second half
sphere



11. If you want to cut a hole in your sphere to add lights then choose your least favourite side as use this as the bottom. Pop the half sphere back onto the former and cut out a hole large enough to add lights after firing

12. Let your clay firm up a bit before attaching the two sides together. You can use a hairdryer to speed up this process but remember you don't want to dry the clay, just firm it slightly to hold its shape



13. Score and slip the edges of both half spheres



14. Place your 2 pieces together and use your finger or a clay tool to blend the seam where they join



15. Blend the seam on the inside too - you can add small bits or clay an use slip to make this easier

16. Your sphere is now complete!



Decorate your sphere however you'd like! You can add decorations or cut bits away. Just remember to score and slip anything you add

