

Creative tip FIMO „Scandinavian lanterns“



Simple designs and classic colours - that's Christmas, Scandinavian style! A quick-and-easy-to-make coat of FIMO soft is all it takes to transform plain glasses into impressive lanterns for cosy winter evenings.

Material



For 3 lanterns you will need:

3 glasses approx. 9 cm tall and approx. 8 cm in Ø, 3 packs of transparent (014) FIMO soft and 1 pack of FIMO soft in the colour transparent red (204).

In addition, you will need 1 rubber roller (from linocut suppliers), 1 craft knife, 3 pastry cutters (heart, Christmas tree, star), several transparent sleeves to serve as a work surface and 1 white terry towel.

Step 1



Using the rubber roller, roll out 1 block of transparent FIMO soft per glass to an approx. 1 mm thick sheet, making it slightly wider than the actual height of the glass. (Warm up the blocks of FIMO briefly before use in your hands!). Straighten the edges of the rolled-out sheets using the craft knife. Then roll out the transparent red FIMO soft to a 1 mm thick sheet too.

Step 2



Now wrap the prepared sheets of transparent FIMO closely around the respective glasses. Cut off any overlapping bits of FIMO around the top and bottom of the glasses and at the joins using the craft knife.

Step 3



Smooth over any joins with your thumb so that there are no seams visible and each glass is covered with a uniform coating of white FIMO.

Step 4



Firmly dab the towel all over the coated glass so that the structure of the towel gets left on the layer of FIMO.

Step 5



The coated glass is then decorated with a Christmas motif. Using the craft knife and ruler, cut a number of approx. 5 mm wide strips out of the sheet of red FIMO and cut again to make small squares. Position these in regular intervals around the top edge of the glass and gently press onto the surface. Using the pastry cutters, cut out 1 Christmas motif (star, Christmas tree or heart) for each lantern, place on the glass and press on gently.

Step 6



Place the finished FIMO lanterns in a preheated oven for 20 minutes at 130°C to harden. Afterwards, carefully remove and allow to cool slowly – that's it!

Tips and tricks:

Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water before beginning in order to avoid getting any dirt or dust on the white FIMO glass.

Any bits of fluff on your finished glass can be scratched off with the craft knife before the glass is placed in the oven to harden.

If you have a pasta machine, you'll find it a great help when it comes to rolling out FIMO. What's more, it enables you to set the exact sheet thickness required.

Sometimes, air bubbles form when coating the glass with the layer of FIMO. Prick them open before the hardening process using the craft knife and then smooth over the surface again.

There are a total 7 transparent colours of FIMO soft available from well-stocked sales outlets. So you can create your lantern according to your very own personal taste!

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