

Silly Serpents

Ages 6 and Up

This project was inspired by Maureen Carlson's book [Clay Characters for Kids](#) (2003). I just love the ideas in this book. If you have kids that like modeling with polymer clay this book is a must!

This is a great project for using up scrap pieces of polymer clay. Your child will have a blast coming up with his own wacky characters.



Materials:

Polymer Clay
Colored Wire
Wire Cutters
Cardboard Tube or Index Cards
Paper Clips
Parchment Paper

Directions:

1. Start with a handful of clay scraps and smush them all together. You may have to work the clay a bit to get all of the pieces to come together.
2. Roll and twist the clay into a long (around 12") snake.
3. Place the serpent onto a Parchment Paper lined cookie sheet.
4. Bend and shape the serpent as desired. Use a rolled up index card (secured with paper clips) to prop up the head or any other part.
5. Decorate your serpent with bits of clay and wire curls. Go Nuts! 😊
6. Bake the serpent (rolled up card and all) in the oven at 255 degrees for 10 minutes. Set a timer.
7. Handle when cooled. These little guys last longer if not handled too much. It's best to just put them on display.

