



THE LEAF CANE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 130 °C (275 °F for US users). Test temperature with oven thermometer for perfectly cured clay. Condition all clay by kneading until it's soft and smooth or running it through the Clay Conditioning Machine for several passes on the widest setting. Fold the clay in half after each pass and insert the fold side into the rollers first.

STEP 1

Start with a cylinder of light green clay.



STEP 2

Using a sharp blade, slice the cylinder lengthwise into 4 or 5 sections. Roll a thin sheet (#4 on the clay conditioning machine) of the dark green color. Lay each light green slice on the sheet of dark green and trim out around the light green so that each slice has a layer of dark green on one side.



STEP 3

Put the slices back together so the cylinder has alternating stripes of light and dark green.



STEP 4

Cut the cylinder in half at an angle to the stripes. Lay one half of the cylinder down on the dark green making a perpendicular stripe along the flat side.





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STEP 5

Turn one of the halves of the cane around 180 degrees and put it back together so it looks like it has a center vein with smaller veins coming out at opposite angles.



STEP 6

Reduce the cane. Treat the cane like a triangle shape reducing each side so it stays flat. Keep the points of the triangle rounded as you reduce. Make very thin slices for leaf charms and thicker slices for leaf beads. Using a needle tool poke holes as desired before baking.

