Polymer Air Dry Clay Mexican Inspired Pottery

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This beautiful, Mexican inspired Pottery dish was made using HEARTY Polymer air dry clay.

Materials:

ACTÍVA Hearty Polymer Clay

Rolling pin, A plastic knife, Circle template

Plastic wrap, Paper bowl, Cool temp glue

Wooden beads, Terra cotta colored acrylic paint

Turquoise colored acrylic paint

Clear acrylic brush on varnish

Brown colored acrylic paint

Clear gloss acrylic spray

Instructions:

Roll the Hearty clay out onto plastic wrap (or I've used wax paper) so it's approximately 6" round and 1/8 to ½" thick.



Cut into a circle shape. Wet your finger with water and rub over the edge to smooth out.





Lay into a bowl and leave to dry. After a half day or so, flip the bowl over so the back can dry out as well. The bowl should be pretty firm before pulling it from the bowl mold.



With the extra clay, roll out coils and petals and press into the center of the bowl to create a surface decoration. It helps to add a dab of water to the back of each piece before pressing it into place.



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You can use tools to add texture to the bowl and decorative pieces. A plastic butter knife works great!







Once the bowl is dry, glue three wood pieces for the feet.

Paint the entire bowl with terracotta paint.

Optionally, you can sponge on turquoise paint around the outside.





Make an antiquing varnish by placing 2 tablespoons of brush on varnish with a dash of brown paint. Brush over the bowl. This will highlight the texture.

You can leave as is or give it one more coat of spray varnish to make it extra shiny!



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