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Creative tip FIMO „Comic Chickens“



Material



3 packs of FIMO SOFT in white (0) (sufficient for one chicken), 1 pack each of FIMO SOFT in cherry red (26) and yellow (16) - all from Eberhard Faber. In addition, 1 small pear-shaped light bulb approx. 7 cm long, 1 tile or glass plate to work on, 1 rubber roller, 1 craft knife, 1 wooden stick, 1 approx. 20 cm long yellow leather thong per chicken and 1 all-purpose glue.

Step 1



Knead two whole blocks of white FIMO SOFT together and roll out to a 6-8 mm thick sheet, large enough to fit around the light bulb. Wrap around the light bulb and smooth over the modelling material using your fingers so that you end up with a white "pear".

Step 2



Illustration 3 shows, from left to right, how the individual parts of the body are formed. For the thighs roll 1/8th of a block of white FIMO SOFT to a 4 cm long sausage with rounded ends and then divide in the middle. Using the wooden stick, make a hole in each of the rounded ends for the leather thong. Each wing needs 1/8th of a block of white. Roll out to an approx. 6 mm thick oval. Cut a zigzag edge along the lower part of the oval using the craft knife. Make a hole in the semicircular edge of the upper half for the leather thong.

For the tail, roll out 1/8 of a block of white FIMO SOFT and then cut diagonally to form a triangle. The beak is made out of 1/8 of a block of yellow FIMO SOFT which you then quarter again. Take half of one of these quarters and simply round the edges a little using your fingers and form to a beak tip on one side.

For the shoes, cut 1/8 of a block of cherry red FIMO SOFT in half and cut a wedge out of each of the two pieces to make the heels. Round the edges using your fingers and form to a tip for the front of the shoes. Make a hole in each of the shoes for the leather thong.

In order to make the red crest, divide 1/8 of a block of cherry red FIMO SOFT into 4 pieces. Roll one piece out and cut several jags into the top half using the craft knife.

Step 3



Next, the individual parts are attached to the body. First, shape the tail out of the FIMO triangle already prepared and press onto the torso. Smooth out the joins using your fingers until they are no longer visible. Attach both thighs firmly to the opposite side of the body. Bear in mind that your chicken has to be able to sit later. All you need to do now is to press the red crest and the beak onto the head.

The eyes are made out of two tiny white balls which are placed above the beak. Create pupils by making a hole in the middle of each of the eyeballs using the wooden stick. Make two pear-shaped flat pieces of FIMO free-handedly and attach underneath the beak.

If you want, you can make a bosom for your "crazy chicken?". Roll white FIMO into a small ball and then cut it in half. Place these two halves in the appropriate position.

Finally, make a hole on either side of the torso at shoulder height for gluing the wings on the pieces of leather thong into later.

Step 4



The chicken and dangly parts now need to be hardened in a household oven. Preheat the oven to 130°C, place all the parts on a baking tray and place on the middle shelf. After 30 minutes, remove the finished FIMO parts from the oven and leave to cool. Now cut the leather thong to the desired length for the legs and wings and glue the 4 pieces to the wings and shoes. Allow to dry briefly. You can now glue the pieces of leather thong to which the wings and legs are attached into the pre-made holes on the chicken body.

Tips and tricks

Before starting work, wash your hands thoroughly so that your chicken stays white. Ideally, the work surface should be dust-free.

The "crazy chickens" are easy to make if you use a light bulb for the body and cut the FIMO for the individual parts according to the "block system". FIMO SOFT is available in sales outlets in blocks which have a line down the middle. This makes it very easy to cut into quarter, eighth or sixteenth-sized pieces.

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